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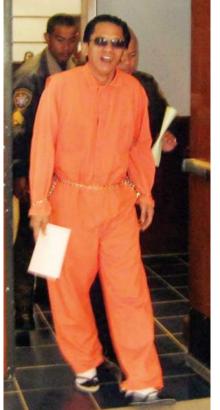
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>> Lawmaker also has outstanding bench warrant

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE REPORTER

embers of the Drug Enforcement Task Force and the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Bureau used a confidential source to buy a total of \$200 worth of crystal methamphetamine or "ice" from Rep. Raymond D. Palacios in two transactions, according to police reports.

This developed as Palacios, who was arrested on Friday for alleged "ice" trafficking, was taken to the Superior Court vesterday for his initial appearance or bail hearing.

His bail was initially set at \$60,000 cash but Associate Judge Perry B. Inos later reduced it to 10 percent of \$30,000 cash after determining that the lawmaker is not a flight risk.

Inos also notified Palacios about an outstanding bench warrant for his arrest

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Rep. Raymond D. Palacios smiles as he emerges from the courtroom yesterday for his bail hearing on charges of trafficking "ice."

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Fitial, colleagues saddened by Palacios' arrest

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Rep. Raymond D. Palacios' (Cov-Saipan) arrest on drug trafficking charges on Friday has left his col-

leagues at the House of Representatives in shock. House Speaker Eli D. Cabrera (R-Saipan) said while he remains shocked, he still hopes that

» Ethics committee to stay

from District 5. "I just hope his name would be cleared. He's still innocent until prov-

en guilty. Right now I share the family's ordeal, their pain. I hope he's out and put things together. I asked his secretary to see

things will turn out well for the congressman

me as soon as possible," he said in an interview with

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FOR FAMILY-BASED PETITIONS:

'Overstaying does not affect availability of certain reliefs'

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Alien workers don't have to worry about accruing "bad time" if they stay in the CNMI even after they lose status following the Nov. 27, 2011, deadline because "mere overstaying does not affect the availability of certain immigration reliefs," according to U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance legal counsel Ted Laguatan.

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TRICK OR TREAT!

A young girl wearing a princess costume gets ready to have her photo taken at the pumpkin patch-inspired trunk of the CNMI PSS Head Start Program at the 5th Annual Trunk or Treat event organized by the American Memorial Park yesterday afternoon. Despite the intermittent rain, over a thousand trick or treaters trooped to the park to receive their goodies in celebration of Halloween. **See story on Page 7**





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Cabrera is SSHS' most outstanding educator

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A 27-year-old teacher was adjudged the most outstanding educator of Saipan Southern High School this school year.

Jonathan P. Cabrera, whose teaching career started at SSHS in 2008, was conferred the prestigious Teacher of the Year award and he will be representing his Manta Ray family in the PSS-wide search for NMI Teacher of the Year. The overall winner will compete at the national level next year.

This is Cabrera's first time to be given this recognition. He obtained his undergraduate degree in English and Theater from the University of Hawaii-Manoa and his master's degree in English from Boston University. As soon as he finished his education, he came back to the islands and joined the Public School System as a classroom teacher.

Cabrera is a 12th grade mentor and handles close to a hundred students in three classes each day.

The recognition was something of a surprise for Cabrera. "It's very humbling when your colleagues look at you and say 'you deserve the honor," he said yesterday.

He considers being the Teacher of the Year a huge responsibility in terms of accountability. The honor also calls for any candidate to become a role model not only to their colleagues but to students as well.

Cabrera shared that teaching has been his ultimate desire since his younger years. "It was the very thing I wanted to be. At the beginning of the year, my students always asked me the same question, 'Why did you want to be a teacher?' and I always tell them that it's the first thing I really wanted. I also considered other careers, but when I left Saipan in 2001 for college, I was determined to come back home and teach," he said.

Cabrera said his grandparents, who were also both educators, were a great influence.

When he was still in school, Cabrera admired his teachers and had great respect for what they did. His teachers then, he said, were from the U.S. and the Philippines, who left their families and their comfort zones to teach in a little place in the middle of the Pacific, the Commonwealth.

"I told myself...I want to be like them. I have great respect for all my teachers and I can still name all of them," he said.

Despite the challenges of the profession—the limited resources, the threat of funding cuts for schools, large classroom sizes, and other needs—Cabrera said his students and his colleagues continue to inspire him to better



CONTRIBUTED PHOT

Saipan Southern High School educational awardees gather for a group picture yesterday. From left are Teacher of the Year Jonathan P. Cabrera, Counselor of the Year Joleen Borja, Support Staff of the Year Ferdinand Ngirmekur, and Instructor of the Year Leonardo Rabago. Not in photo is Teacher Aide of the Year Ed Guinto.

in his job every day. He is convinced that he's headed in the right direction, just by knowing that he's doing his best and for all the right reasons.

"Every year, my goal is to become a better teacher. Even though I was selected TOY, I don't think that I've reached the pinnacle of my success as an educator. I want to become better every year because at the end of the day, if I became better my students will learn better, they will achieve more, and they will be ready to go out and get their degrees. I hope they will come back to serve our community," he added.

As for what he enjoys best about his job, Cabrera said it is the heart-to-heart conversations he has with his students. "For those moments, I would use the word serendipity—being in the right place at the right time," he said.

Cabrera describes teaching as a noble calling because it gives someone the chance to mold and shape young minds and an opportunity to reach students and affect their lives for a very long time. "Even though we're not paid as much as other careers, this is where I want to be and this is what I want to do in my life," he added.

Other awardees

Hailed Support Staff of the Year is Ferdinand Ngirmekur, SSHS' school aide for more than two years. This father of three and first-time awardee said yesterday it is a privilege to be selected as one of the school's awardees. The honor, he said, is testament to his reliability and a sort of reward for all the hard work and dedication he puts into his job.

Besides routine administrative work and doing school errands, Ngirmekur also assists staff and teachers and monitors the school's network and laptop program.

Just like the students he serve everyday, Ngirmekur said he has also learned a lot from just doing his job. He credits dealing with different students every day for helping him become a better person. "I enjoy doing my work because I know in my heart that I can impact many lives," he added.

Named Counselor of the Year is Joleen Borja, who has been with SSHS for six years. Borja was a classroom teacher for three years, rising through the rank to become the school counselor in 2008. This is her first time to be selected for the honor.

As one of the three counselors on campus, Borja describes her selection as a great honor. "I am very happy because we have a great team of counselors, so to be chosen for the award is really an honor," she said.

Borja attends to an average of 50 students everyday. Just being able to see the direct impact of counseling on students is the most rewarding part of her profession. She helps them with their career and college searches, including financial aid, helps them with their emotional and social issues, and conducts classroom guidance on different topics. Borja also counsels at-risk students and those facing disciplinary actions.

"We advocate for the kids and we serve as their voice," she said.

Leonardo Rabago, a senior Army instructor for the JROTC

program, was named the Instructor of the Year. He describes the award as an "unexpected honor." "I am very honored to be selected...but I don't really look for it," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Rabago has been with SSHS for five years now, since 2007. He is tasked to oversee the school's JROTC program, which has 152 students this year. He attends to mostly graduating students. Rabago said it is the aim of the program to build and develop good citizens who will become assets to the community.

"The most rewarding part of my job is when I see the students that they can assume our position within the program. But the best one is seeing them graduate and become productive member of society," he said.

SSHS conferred its Teacher Aide of the Year award on Ed Guinto, who is with the school's special education program. In the four years he has been with the school, this is his second time to be chosen for the honor.

Guinto was described by his principal, Jesse Tudela, as truly deserving for the recognition. Guinto is also last school year's Teacher Aide of the Year.

Tudela thanked all the awardees for their hard work and commitment to SSHS. "I know that they go beyond and above their duties and I want to say that this recognition is one way for the community to know the type of staff and employees we have here at SSHS. We're very proud of them," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

SSHS is home to 881 students and 59 employees, including 31 classroom teachers.



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority Tourism is everybody's business.

Saipan-da Takes the Stage

S a i p a n - d a continues to make a splash in Japan in raising awareness of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Most recently, the mascot was featured in a



joint promotion of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and travel agency Kinki Nippon Tourist at the Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA) World Travel Fair 2011.



Saipan-da appeared KNT characters with Gachapin and Mukku to the promote the islands. Gachapin and Mukku are no strangers to the North-Marianas, having visited Rota in 2008. Their JATA appearance included a Saipan-da quiz show and an on-stage appearance as friends on the main stage.

The three characters also held a card-exchanging event at the KNT booth.

Over 177,000 travel agents, media reps, and potential visitors attend the JATA World Travel Fair 2011, the largest travel fair in Asia.

Earlier this year, Saipan-da was one of five panda

characters selected to participate in the **Japan All Panda Summit**, marking the mascot's wide popularity in the tourism market.











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Fund board OKs distribution of \$120K as bonus

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The NMI Retirement Fund's board approved Friday the distribution of some \$120,698 in annual retirement bonus to retirees and members, not as cost-ofliving allowance as previously allowed under the law.

Board chair Sixto Igisomar told Saipan Tribune that the annual retirement bonus has no compounding effect, unlike COLA, which increases the base benefit checks of retirees.

Igisomar said the \$120,698 will be taken from the appropriation made by the Legislature for fiscal year 2011.

According to the Fund's legal counsel, Carolyn Kern, some payments have already been made for fiscal year 2011 and one more payment remains to be sent out.

Igisomar explained that based on a newly enacted law, the board now has the authority to decide whether it will

year. This, he said, is contrary to MPLT lease proposal the Fund's original proposal to

"That's what we initially requested—to remove it. But they [lawmakers] came back to us telling us 'it's up to you' to decide between COLA and bonus. Our intention is to repeal the law because the only time we can provide additional benefits is when we are comfortably funded. Otherwise, we're not being fiscally responsible,' he added.

Igisomar pointed out that the only time the Fund can provide additional benefits is when the pension plan's funding level is at 80 percent to 100 percent. The Fund's \$264 million portfolio represents about 40-percent funding level.

LA or bonus—we are trying to stay away from it because the only time we will be heading toward COLA or bonus is if we actually hit the 80- to 100percent funding level and we're provide COLA or bonus every not," he told Saipan Tribune.

Health insurance rate increase in offing for GHLI members

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Commonwealth retirees are facing a rate increase in their health insurance premiums after the NMI Retirement Fund board disclosed Friday that a new charge is being proposed by existing carrier Aetna Global

Fund administrator Richard Villagomez and Fund legal counsel Carolyn Kern reported during Friday's board meeting that Aetna's contract is up for renewal today, Nov. 1. Since the Group Health Life Insurance is a government program, any final decision lies with the Executive Branch.

Villagomez said the contract renewal is now being negotiated by the administration and the carrier but no decision has been reached yet. He disclosed that Aetna submitted two options, both of which would result in rate increases.

Because the rate increases are not final yet, Villagomez refused to make the numbers public until the Executive Branch makes the selection. One thing is obvious, however, and that is, retirees should expect an increase in rates very soon. Further details of the proposed contract were discussed in an executive session Friday.

Since the Fund pays 50 percent of premium contributions, board chair Sixto Igisomar said this will mean a substantial burden on the Fund as well.

"As a board, our only role here is to advise what's going on and what's happening. One thing that really concerns us is our retirees, if they are protected properly," said Igisomar, adding that the board wants to make

eliminate the two.

"Whatever you call it—CO-

sure that the added cost will not be too heavy for retirees.

Aetna's contract is renewable every year.

When asked why the Aetna contract was placed on the board's table only last week, Igisomar said that that's the same issue he wants to talk about with the administrator at the executive session. He confirmed seeing the proposed rates but declined to discuss it, citing the need for more information and justifications.

"I've seen the proposed contract renewal of Aetna and I've seen the numbers. The increase is close to substantial, but they indicated justifications on why they need an increase. Until everything is final, I don't want to further discuss this matter," Igisomar told Saipan *Tribune* during a break.

Aetna has so far been the only carrier willing to handle the insurance plan for retirees and active government employees.

Besides the Aetna contract, the board also discussed proposed changes to the existing GHLI regulation, which were also referred for further discussion in the closed-door meeting.

Kern revealed that the current regulations no longer apply to Aetna and need to be amended. She presented a 12-page memorandum to the board explaining why a portion of the GHLI regulations need to be repealed, but because of the many concerns raised by the board, they voted to discuss it in an executive session.

The board approved a 33percent rate hike in the health insurance premiums of members in October last year.

The board on Friday also approved the proposed lease agreement with the Marianas Public Land Trust, which wants to occupy a portion of the Retirement Fund building. Fund administrator Rich-

ard Villagomez reported that MPLT responded to the RFP issued by the agency after the relocation of Public School System in August.

It was reported that MPLT wants to lease a small area on the second floor and the agency has agreed to go up to \$1 per meter for its utilities and a sesquare foot in rent. The amount is a slight increase over the Fund's proposed 75 cents per square foot.

Board trustees instructed the management to make sure that MPLT will have a separate curity deposit.

Kern said that MPLT plans to move in by Dec. 1 and she has been authorized by the board to work out the details of the proposed lease agreement for the board's final approval.

Man with disabilities gets 5-day sentence for domestic violence

The Superior Court has imposed a five-day prison term on a man with disabilities who slapped his wife on suspicion that she was having an affair.

Associate judge David A. Wiseman last week sentenced Donald Ayuyu Hocog to 30 days in prison, all suspended except for five days, for assault, with credit for time served. This means that the 43-year-old Hocog is now out of prison.

Hocog was placed on probation for one year and required to pay a \$100 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

The judge required the defendant to perform 100 hours of community service and write a letter of apology to the victim.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Hocog with assault and battery (domestic violence) and disturbing the peace. He pleaded guilty to assault as part of a plea deal.

Hocog assaulted the victim on Aug. 2, 2011, on Saipan.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that two police officers responded to the Refu Apartment in Dandan on Aug. 2, 2011, at 12:15pm after getting two calls about a domestic violence incident.

Pangelinan said the victim told police that Hocog accused her of having an affair, triggering their argument. Hocog allegedly slapped his wife on the left cheek, prompting her to call the police.

A witness told police that he heard the couple arguing outside their apartment. The witness then saw Hocog slapping his wife. (Ferdie de la Torre)



Manta Ray Band, Mayor's Office ask SNILD for money

By MARK RABAGO

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The Saipan and Northern Islands Local Delegation opened its doors to two groups seeking funding during their session last Thursday but was not quite ready to open its checkbook just yet.

Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band went up to Capital Hill to ask for help in financing their trip to next year's 2012 London Olympics.

SSHS principal Jesse Tudela said the 50-member band would need about \$300,000 to finance their trip, set from July 24 to Aug. 8 in the United Kingdom capital.

Broken down, each band member would need to fundraise \$6,000: \$2,000 for airfare, \$2,000 for accommodations, and \$2,000 for food.

Besides the Summer Olympics, the band has also been invited to several other occasions, including an event that will be attended by no less than Queen Elizabeth II, according to Manta Ray Band musical director James Dewitt, who also attended the hearing with two band members.

Tudela said the band had already paid the initial deposit of \$20,000 last month, but would need to come up with \$25,000 by February 2012 to keep up with payment increments.

He said SSHS would have to forfeit the \$20,000 advance in the event it fails to pay future increments. Tudela said, however, that that is not an option.

So far, \$2,000 has already been raised by band members and their parents, Tudela said.

"Whatever you give will not go waste. It will contribute to the band members' educational and musical experience," said Tudela.

Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) described the \$300,000 the band needs as "humongous," saying it would be a "challenge for the local delegation to come up with that [amount]!"

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) said the amount the band is asking for will not come from SNILD's "petty cash" but promised

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) said that government finances are really hard up and asked the band if the flight packages they've chosen are the most economical.

\$44K for judgments

The Saipan Mayor's Office, meanture authority so the municipality could Liberation Day fireworks accident in 2007 and another with regards to money it owes Guangdong Hardware.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores' special assistant Henry Hofschneider said it needs the delegation's approval to appropriate money raised from "batu," cockfighting, and bingo activities to pay \$44,000 for the two judgments.

Hofschneider said in the case of the fireworks judgment, the municipality hasn't paid the three plaintiffs involved in the case in the past three years and this has resulted in awards ballooning

"The principal will only continue to accrue interest" if the mayor's office doesn't settle the judgment," Hofsch-

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reporters yesterday at his office.

The Office of the Governor shared the same sentiments. In a statement from press secretary Angel Demapan, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reminded the public that an accused is innocent until proven guilty.

"We have faith in the justice system, and therefore, believe that no one should be tried through the media. The courts are the appropriate forum for this," said Demapan.

He said that while the government should always uphold the principles of a drug-free workplace, the governor remains "saddened to learn of Rep. Palacios' arrest and allegations. He is a good friend and avid supporter of the administration."

For his part, House floor leader George N. Camacho (Ind-Saipan) said he hopes Palacios is doing okay and would like to visit him at the Department of Corrections.

"It's very sad...he's a good friend and he's always happy around here. He's always with the leadership in whatever their decision is. ... It's hard for us to lose him and for something like this to happen to our colleague, he said.

When asked if Palacios' arrest will change the direction of the Special Committee on Official Conduct and Ethics that Cabrera appointed him to head following Palacios' own admission of drug use, Camacho said the panel's mission hasn't changed.

"The situation has changed but the committee is still there. For the most part, we will let the justice system take its course. We will not be the prosecutor because that's not our job. Our job is just to look the issue at hand and from there come out with a recommenthat "they will try to figure things out."

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Camacho said the bigger question is whether Palacios would be allowed to continue with his duties as an elected official after he makes bail.

"We will come up with recommendation on his future with the 17th Legislature, whether he would be suspended or he continuous to serve pending his trial [and determination of his case]. What direction are we going to take? I cannot make a decision by myself but the committee will meet again on Nov. 7 and we will go from there. As a committee, we will come out with a final report," said Camacho.

Cabrera agreed with Camacho and said the committee will have the final say on the fate of Palacios.

"That's the reason why I created this special committee...to look into the matter and present their findings to the full body and myself. ... It would be up to them to make the recommendation. ... They can sanction him... whatever they decide. I've also advised the chair to consult with our legal counsel," he said.

Cabrera said that Palacios' secretary had mentioned to him that the lawmaker is about ready to resign his chairmanship of the House Committee on Education.

"His secretary is preparing a letter awaiting his signature that he will step down as Education Committee chairwhether it's permanent or temporary, I don't know," he said.

Cabrera early last week formed the special committee to look into reports of drug-related issues involving Palacios. Along with Camacho, also appointed to the seven-member committee are Reps. Edmund S. Villagomez (Cov-Saipan). Fredrick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), Trenton B. Conner (R-Tinian), Joseph Guerrero (R-Saipan), and Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

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In an email to the Saipan Tribune, the immigration lawyer said that under the immigration laws of the United States, accumulating so-called "bad time" will not affect an alien's chances of obtaining an immigrant status in the future.

"For example, the eligibility of an overstaying person to adjust status if married to a U.S. citizen or has a U.S. citizen son or daughter over 21 who can file an immigrant visa petition for him or her—is not affected," said Laguatan.

What's more, the longer an alien stays in the U.S. is even a plus for him or her in getting status, said the California-based lawyer.

"For the Cancellation of Removal Law, sometimes known as the '10year relief law,' if an alien has stayed 10 years or more and has U.S. citizen or permanent resident children or parents, staying longer than 10 years even becomes a plus. This relief is filed with the Immigration Court and the applicant must prove extreme hardship for his qualifying relatives if he is forced to leave the U.S. in order to qualify," he said.

There is one caveat, however: Only family-based petitions are not affected by an alien accruing "bad time," Laguatan said.

"For certain petitions, however, such as employment-based petitions for one-which were filed after April 30, 2011—overstaying prevents the applicant from adjusting status in the U.S.," he said.

Laguatan, who is expected to visit the CNMI later this month, is a member of the California State Bar and was honored by the same organization in 2010 as one of only 29 U.S. lawyers officially certified continuously for more than 20 years as expert-specialists in immigration law. He is the author of A Layman's Guidebook on Immigration Law.

Fears allayed

Alien workers in the CNMI welcomed Laguatan's comments during an on-air interview over KWAW Magic 100.3 FM last Saturday.

In that interview, he said jobless alien workers should not depart the Commonwealth because numerous legal relief are available for them.

Summons served in lawsuit vs CW final rule The seven individuals who filed a has set the hearing of the plaintiffs'

lawsuit in federal court in an attempt to stop federal officials from implementing the CNMI-only Transitional Worker final rule served summons yesterday to the Saipan branch of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

A staff from the U.S. Attorney's Office acknowledged receiving the summons as shown in a court document filed by the plaintiffs in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

The plaintiffs served the summons on the U.S. Attorney's Office as it is the counsel for the defendants.

The summons were addressed to defendants Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services District Director David Gulick, U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis, and U.S. Department of Labor District Director Terrence

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona

United Workers Movement CNMI president Rabby Syed said that Laguatan's advice was music to the ears of alien workers, especially those fearing the worst after the Nov. 27, 2011, deadline of umbrella permits.

"We don't have to be worried because there's a lot of options given by the U.S. Constitution and laws. Each alien worker should be prepared to take care of their own cases. They should also be prepared because there will be attorney's fees. They need to go though some process and they need to be prepared," said Syed.

During the same interview, Laguatan said that key to successfully helping hundreds-if not thousands-of foreign workers in the CNMI is to set up a semi pro bono law office that he willing to head.

Human rights advocate and former Rota school teacher Wendy Doromal, for her part, lauded Laguatan's support of alien workers and welcomed him to the crusade in fighting for the sector's rights.

"I would listen to the experienced and respected immigration attorneys rather than listen to politicians who are pushing their own self-serving agendas in order to preserve their power and ensure that the foreign workers remain an oppressed underclass who are denied lawsuit on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 1:30pm.

The plaintiffs are Bonifacio V. Sagana, Manuel T. Vilaga, Gerardo G. De Guzman, Hector T. Sevilla, Carlito J. Marquez, Eduardo M. Elenzano, and Jong Ho Lee. They filed the lawsuit pro se or without a lawyer. They asked the court to certify their lawsuit as a class action.

They want the court to declare the implementation of the CW final rule as unlawful and exceeds the defendants' constitutional and statutory authority.

Vilaga is a U.S. citizen, while Lee is a U.S. permanent resident. The other plaintiffs are long-term nonresident workers who mostly have U.S. citizen children.

United Workers Movement-CNMI president Rabby Syed said yesterday that attorney Stephen Woodruff may likely argue for the plaintiffs at the hearing. (Ferdie de la Torre)

of basic civil and human rights in the CNMI's two-tiered society.

"It is great news that two renowned immigration attorneys are taking a stand to support the constitutional rights of the CNMI's foreign workers. In the upcoming weeks, expect to see more labor, immigration, and human rights groups stepping into the spotlight to show solidarity with the CNMI legal, long-term foreign workers," she said.

Last week, former general attorney for Immigration and Naturalization Services Loida Nicolas Lewis told worried foreign workers not to fear deportation without having their cases heard first by immigration court.

Doromal added that there is presently a grave humanitarian crisis in the CNMI that must not be ignored.

"After months of delays and agonizing uncertainty, the CNMI's foreign workers are now on the doorstep of tomorrow, as November 27th is just a step away. If the United States of America is truly the defender of human rights, then now is the time to act. We must fight to amend laws to protect the basic human and civil rights of legal, long-term foreign workers. We must continue to fight for the introduction of legislation that will grant status to all legal, long-term foreign workers of the CNMI," she said.

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issued by the Superior Court on May 5, 2011, for his failure to appear at a hearing in a civil case filed against him by Bank of Saipan. The court imposed a \$500 cash bail in the bench warrant. It was not clear why the bench warrant was not served on Palacios when it was issued in May.

In the civil case, Inos released Palacios on his own recognizance and set the hearing for Dec. 1, 2011, before Associate Judge David Wiseman.

Attorney Michael White, who was in court yesterday, told reporters that the civil case filed by Bank of Saipan has been consolidated with a PTI civil case against the lawmaker.

White said there was a court judgment ordering Palacios to make payment for more than \$6,000 but on May 5, 2011 the representative did not show up in court.

As part of the bail conditions in the "ice" case, Inos ordered Palacios not to leave Saipan, to stay away from all ports, and to obey all laws.

Preliminary hearing will be on Nov.

8 at 1:30pm and the arraignment, Nov. 14 at 9am.

At the start of the hearing, Palacios told the court he could not afford to hire a lawyer but Inos later determined that the lawmaker is not eligible for a court-appointed counsel. Chief public defender Adam Hardwicke represented Palacios for the bail hearing. Assistant attorney general Nicole Driscoll appeared for the government.

The 48-year-old Palacios was smiling when he emerged from the courtroom after the hearing.

When asked for comments about the charges, Palacios merely said: "I don't know."

Police detective Steven Castro stated in his report that he and another detective met with a cooperating source on Sept. 5, 2011, to talk about a congressman who sells "ice." The cooperating source allegedly bought "ice" from Palacios sometime in August 2011.

Palacios allegedly told the cooperating source to just call him on his cellular phone if he/she wants to buy more "ice."

Castro said that, on Oct. 19, 2011, during a controlled buy-walk operation, the cooperating source managed to buy \$100 worth of "ice" from Palacios at the parking lot of a bank at Afetna Square Building in San Antonio. That same day, Castro said, the

same cooperating source was able to buy \$100 more worth of "ice" from Detectives determined that the sub-

stance sold by Palacios in both transactions tested presumptive positive for crystal methamphetamine or "ice." Castro said that during the first con-

trolled buy-walk operation, a surveillance team saw Palacios' vehicle exiting from the house of a known drug dealer, Cunyan Ma, in Chalan Kanoa. Palacios then headed to San Antonio where the drug deal occurred in the parking lot.

At the end of the second buy-walk operation, Castro said surveillance team closely followed and monitored Palacios as he headed to Ma's house in Chalan Kanoa.

Castro said that Ma was arrested on April 21, 2011, for illegal possession of a controlled substance and trafficking of a controlled substance.

The detective said that Ma, the girlfriend of convicted "ice" trafficker Ignacio Leon Guerrero, is the caretaker of Leon Guerrero's house.

Lawmaker sues Fitial for vetoing local Saipan casino bill

By MARK RABAGO

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A member of the Saipan and Northern Islands Local Delegation is suing Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in Superior Court for vetoing a local law that would have legalized casino gambling

In a petition filed Friday, Rep.

Joseph M. Palacios (R-Saipan) wants declaratory relief that House Local Bill 17-44, as enacted by the delegation, is a Commonwealth law.

"The action of declaratory relief seeks the court to declare that HLB

17-44 was passed in a valid manner and declare that a local law enacted by the Third Senatorial District is within the body of Commonwealth law," Palacios' Superior Court filing reads.

Palacios

Palacios' lawsuit also wants the court to declare that HLB 17-44 was properly introduced and passed with authority as a valid act of legislation.

Palacios is chairman of the delegation's Committee on Ju-

dicial and Governmental Operations.

he said.

is invalid on this basis."

monwealth law, he added.

stitution permits gaming to

be established by Common-

wealth law, but this means by

a regular act of both houses

on the nomination of attorney

Joseph James Norita Camacho to serve as associate judge in the

The hearing is scheduled on

Nov. 3, Thursday, at the Senate

chamber with EAGI chair Sen.

Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian)

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial last

August transmitted his nomina-

tion of the former House floor

In the letter dated Aug. 10,

2011, Fitial told Senate Presi-

dent Paul A. Manglona (Ind-

leader to the Senate.

of the Legislature.

Superior Court.

presiding.

Press secretary Angel Demapan immediately came to the defense of the governor when Fitial thumbed down the proposed Saipan casino bill on

"Gov. Fitial stands by his decision to veto the local casino bill based on the issue of its consti-

> tutionality. It's rather unfortunate that the issue has been taken to the courts despite understanding that the administration stood ready to entertain a casino bill in the form of a House bill," he said in an email to the

Saipan Tribune.

Demapan pointed out that the Fitial administration has been consistent in supporting a profitable casino industry that would stimulate the islands' economy and create more jobs for its people.

"Focusing our resources on getting a quality bill to passed by both houses would probably be a better direction to take than to litigate a constitutional issue that is already apparent,"



ANNUAL TRADITION

Doris and Luis Duenas, with the help of their children Lorenza and Luis Jr., prepare the grave of Doris' father, Emilio Tudela Torres, at the Chalan Kanoa public cemetery last Saturday in time for the upcoming All Saints Day and All Souls Day observance on Nov. 1 and 2.

Family asks OAG to revisit case vs driver of truck where boy fell

>> Defendant's family members, parents of deceased boy support driver

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The family of the driver of the pickup truck where a 15-yearold boy fell and later died is asking the Office of the Attorney General to revisit the case before proceeding to trial, according to attorney James N. Camacho yesterday.

Camacho told Saipan Tribune that a tragic case like this requires the OAG's understanding.

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has set the jury trial of 21-year-old Vincent Lieto Fitial on Dec. 12, 2011.

Assistant attorney general Nicole Driscoll appeared for the government. Defense attorneys Viola Alepuyo and Michael Evangelista represented Fitial at the hearing.

Family members of Fitial, including the parents of the deceased boy, also came to court to show their support for the de-

Camacho, who is also cocounsel for Fitial, said that the OAG refused a plea bargain for the defendant and has asked for a jury trial.

Camacho said the defendant's family is appealing to the OAG to review the case thoroughly, considering that there was no speeding and alcohol involved.

The OAG had filed nine charges, including homicide by vehicle, against Fitial.

Fitial, the uncle of the de-

ceased boy, pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Evangelista earlier stated that the case is a plain and simple unfortunate accident that occurred mere moments after the family buried one of their own. In fact, Evangelista said, this accident occurred while the family was in the process of leaving the

The boy fell from the back of a pickup truck on Aug. 31 and died the following day.

At the time, the OAG would not release the boy's body to the family from the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue until an autopsy is conducted.

This prompted the parents of the boy, Anniuliet Marie Lieto Lifoifoi and Joseph Lifoifoi, to seek a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction that would prohibit the government from performing an autopsy. The couple, through counsels, asserted that their Refaluwash cultural beliefs will be violated by an autopsy. They also asked the court to order the release of their son's body to them so they may lay him to rest.

Associate judge David Wiseman granted the parents' mo-

The judge ruled that falling from a truck is not an unusual circumstance and the cause of death is readily ascertainable, so that an autopsy is not proper. Wiseman said it is undisputed that the boy's death was caused by head injuries.

The Senate Committee on Ex-Rota) that he is confident that ecutive Appointments and Gov-Camacho is "well qualified and ernment Investigation will finalwill be a valued asset to the Commonwealth Judiciary." ly hold a public hearing today

> The nomination requires the advice and consent of the Senate. If the Senate confirms the nomination, Camacho will serve a six-year term.

> Judge Ramona V. Manglona's confirmation as chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI caused the vacancy on the Superior Court bench.

> Camacho ran for lieutenant governor as independent in 2009 under the ticket of Juan Pan Guerrrero. In the succeeding runoff election, he threw his support behind Fitial, giving

Fitial the much needed votes to win re-election over Heinz Hofschneider.

EAGI to hold hearing on Camacho's nomination to Superior Court

He ran for U.S. delegate

in 2010 under the Covenant Party, but came in second behind Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan. (Mark Rabago)







By CLARISSA V. DAVID

REPORTER

Following the Public Utilities Commission's decision to approve the application of Guambased GTA TeleGuam to do business in the CNMI, IT&E said it "doesn't mind competition" but wants the process to be transparent.

"We're competing now with Docomo [Pacific]. But I just want people to go through a process that is not in the dark, that everybody can comment on, that process is followed to a T and no one gets favorable treat-

ON APPROVED GTA APPLICATION

'We just want the process followed'

ment." said IT&E president and chief executive officer Ricky Delgado Jr. Friday at IT&E's presentation of its donated children's playground at Pakpak Beach Park in San Antonio.

Delgado told reporters about IT&E's plan to appeal the CPUC decision that was made during a board meeting last Thursday, saying that "there are many things that we feel were not followed."

with the CPUC on March 22, 2011.

GTA filed its application

Georgetown Con-CPUC's sulting, consultant, recommended approving the application.

In a statement issued last week, GTA said that it will start its operations in the CNMI in mid-2012.



Delgado Jr.

Delgado emphasized that the Commonwealth will lose potential investors "at a time

> when we really need it" if they believe that some investors get "favors" in conducting their businesses.

"I've always said even from the first day we started doing business here is that the way for Saipan to attract investors is just to make it a level playing field for every single company...And as long as investors see that everybody goes through the same, more people will have reasons to invest here," he added.

Delgado said they are hopeful that the CPUC "will go back and go step by step through the process as they should, as they did for us." He noted, though,

that whatever CPUC decides after it goes back through the process "is what they decide."

Should GTA set up shop in the CNMI, Delgado said that IT&E is banking on the improvements it has made since they bought the company to be able to compete in the increasingly crowded local telecommunications market.

"I think a lot of people would want to support a company like IT&E [which] really started from nothing here and is based here than a company that's just here in one day, out the next day," added Delgado.

Halloween celebration the *man'amko* way

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Who says trick or treating is only for children?

About 50 congregates of the Aging Center showed off their spirit and celebrated Halloween the man'amko way.

Various games and activities highlighted the Halloween program for senior citizens, some of whom wore scary Halloween costumes to observe the annual holiday. These included a musical cup contest,

the memory game, a dance contest, and the much-awaited costume challenge wherein seven contestants vied for the title with a dance-off.

The dance showdown trimmed the number of contestants down to the final three: Hermana Faisao as "the good witch of the north"; Meryalen Conrad, "the high blood lady"; and Teresita Sorroza, "the lady that needs a haircut."

In the end, it was Sorroza's twirling and boogie down dance moves that got the most ap-



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Senior citizens participate in the musical cup game during the Halloween celebration at the Aging Center yesterday.

Contestants for the Best in Costume contest line up and prepare for their dance off.

plause from the rest of the congregates who served as judges for the contest.

Contest winners received cash and in-kind prizes, which included four \$25 gift certificates from Herman's Bakery and four \$25 gift certificates from Joeten donated by CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan; a toaster and electric can opener from Rep. Joseph Palacios (R- Saipan); a toaster from Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan); three gift certificates from Rainbow Color; \$20 each from Alejandra Blas and Maria Salinas; \$5 each from Aurora Bartolome and Elena Villanueva; a photo album and new shirt from Sorroza; Victoria's Secret lotion from Darlene Cabrera; a new skirt from Benita Cepeda; and jewelry from Rosario Ibanez.

While enjoying their allowed portions of candies and chocolates, the senior citizens were also entertained by live music provided by program coordinator Walter Manglona on keyboard, congregate Jesus Pangelinan on guitar, and Rep. Palacios on drums.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

"This event goes to show that you can never be too old to participate in Halloween activities, most especially for the man'amko because these activities keep them healthy and excited," said Palacios, a former Aging director.

Palacios noted, however, that not everyone participated in the activities, including wearing costumes for the occasion.

"The idea is for them to be active. I hope that in the future, more man'amko will participate and be a part of the activities," he said.



Rep. Joseph Palacios, Aging program coordinator Walter Manglona, and congregate Jesus Pangelinan provide the man'amko with live music as part of the Halloween program yesterday morning



INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 12-NMC-001

MAINTENANCE MANPOWER SERVICES

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Maintenance Manpower Services for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC** Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Wednesday (Oct 19th, 2011) between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Bid Packages are due no later than 4:00 p.m., November 03, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg, L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118. Local Preference is available to local businesses for this procurement.

For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu)

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

Anita Camacho **NMC Procurement Manager** /s/ John D. Guerrero Administrative Services



You are in default in your Note dated February 3, 2006, secured by a Mortgage of the same date, executed and

Description of the real property covered by Mortgage

Lot No. 045 A 031, situated in As Matuis, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,123 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 003 dated July 12, 1989 Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-1038, the description therein being incorporated herein

Amount due for principal Amount due for interest: Daily accruing interest:

If the principal, interest, and late charges \$11,211.64 as of January 1, 2011, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, are not paid within thirty (30) days form the date of service of this notice upon you, Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortagae because of the default. Unless you, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor indicated above.

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose

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Kantidu un debi para principat: \$ 2,389.67 asta ki Eneru 1, 2011
Kantidu un debi para interes: \$ 8,821.97 asta lo Emeri 1, 2011

Apas pot atrasao (late charges):

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Este na katta para u ma na'kesina ma rikohi I dibi-mu. Meseha hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera

Su Seguro Servidor,

s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ.

Annual 'Trunk or Treat' just keeps getting bigger every year

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Notwithstanding the periodic rainfall, it was Halloween as usual for over a thousand trick or treaters who flocked to the American Memorial Park yesterday for the 5th Annual Trunk or Treat event.

Excited children garbed in creative costumes were accompanied by equally enthusiastic parents as they hopped from one booth to another for various Halloween treats and giveaways.

Halloween-goers were also treated to free screening of two Halloween movies, Haunted Mansion and the original Dracula. Also, the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band provided live music while the school's JROTC unit volunteered to help the traffic flow in the area.

Rhonda Camacho of As Gonno village said this is their third year as a family to attend the annual event. Her daughter Victoria Jade, 7, came as a flower fairy while Phoenix Sapphire, 2, was dressed up as a bumble bee.

"It's a great event. It's become a tradition where you can bring your closely knit family and get different kinds of treats, especially for the children to celebrate Halloween," she said.

Helen Lin, who is on island for a vacation, said she brought her 3-year-old daughter Erica Ghang to the event so she could

learn about the Halloween culture since they do not observe the holiday in China. "My daughter got a lot of candies and she loves it," said Lin.

Fourteen-year-old Norita of Dandan village said this was the first Halloween for her brother, 1-year old brother Josiah Lisua, who came as an elephant.

"It's all about the candies. This event has the most candies to be given away so my brother will enjoy it," said Norita.

Her cousin Jenelle Teregeyo said this is the second year they've been to the event. "Rain or shine, we'll be here," she added.

Puspa Arriola drove all the way from Kagman with her husband Greg and 9-month-old daughter Faith, who came as an angel.

"I used to come here with my friends and their children but this is my first time to come here with my own daughter so I'm excited," she told Saipan *Tribune.* "She's not crying so I think she's enjoying as well."

Some 35 individuals and organizations took part this year, setting up booths and trunks following this year's theme, "Recyghoul Material," said park ranger Susan Fishman-Tudor.

Participants included the Department of Public Health, Dickerson & Quinn, CNMI PSS Head Start Program, Transportation Security Administration, P&A, and Foremost, among others.

"Even with the rain, it's still



The best decorated trunk award goes to P&A Corp., shown here giving away treats to children during the Truck or Treat event at the American Memorial Park yesterday.

comfortable and the crowd keeps on coming and keeps moving along. It's a nice and safe place for people to come and celebrate Halloween and I think the community appreciates it," Fishman-Tudor told Saipan Tribune.

While some participants ran out of treats as early as the first hour of the event, Fishman-Tudor said that most of them "brought more than they're supposed to," given their experience in previous years.

TSA supervisor Carleen Desebel said they have been participating in the annual event

so they came prepared with over 1,000 goodie bags containing school supplies and chocolates plus some other spare candies. all donated by TSA personnel.

"We want to get out of our TSA persona and show that we're a part of the community. It's very gratifying and it really makes us happy knowing that the kids are having fun," she said.

Their trunk entry—two TSA officers posing as a trash bag witch and newspaper witchtook them over two weeks to prepare. Desebel said.

D&Q sales manager Marilyn Marron said they brought 10 cases of Capri juice drinks and 10 cases of snacks, which included Chips Ahoy, Rice Krispies, and Special K bars.

"Kids always look forward to Halloween. They need something to look forward to and be grateful for and D&Q is happy to be here," she said.

Ana Ada said the CNMI PSS Head Start Program has been a participant of the event since its inception five years ago.

"It's part of our annual recruitment efforts in the community targeting children between 3 to 5 years old. Also, it's our way of giving back to

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the community," she said.

According to Ada, their booth promotes healthy Halloween treats by giving away oranges instead of candies and other sweets. Their pumpkin patch trunk was made of recycled materials such as sakati (grass), shredded paper, and boxes.

The best decorated trunk award went to a first-time participant, P&A Corp., after deliberation by the judges: Fishman-Tudor, park ranger Bryan Piercy, and visiting ranger Daniel Brown.

P&A Corp. manager Walter Yu, who sported fake blood and had fake knife as props, described their win as "amazing."

"We wanted to do something meaningful in these hard times. This is a day for the kids. When the kids are happy, the parents are happy," he said.

Yu said their haunted houseinspired trunk was made of cut or fallen tree branches, which they collect as part of an agreement they have with the Mayor's Office.

Fishman-Tudor said the group won dinner gift certificates for four at a local restaurant.

Yu disclosed that they brought about \$900 worth of candies, chocolates, jelly, and Spongebob toys. He said they look forward to participating again next year and encouraged other businesses, organizations, and individuals to take part in the Trunk or Treat organized by the American Memorial Park.



MORE ITEMS ON SALE COME AND ENJOY SHOPPING!

SIS students win top honors at Math Court

Saipan International School high school and middle school students reaped several top awards during the Math Court Competition held on Oct. 8, 2011, at Hopwood Junior High School.

"This competition means a lot to our students. Once students get ribbons for their events, they become eligible to compete in the regional competition," said Marifi Ayeras, the team's math coach. "The SIS community fully supports the promotion and

advancement of our math program, and especially supports these students. The Math Court team really appreciates that."

Hyun Ji Kim secured second place overall for the 6th Grade category while Cerinn Hwang got third place overall in the 7th Grade category.

In the high school categories, Sae Ri Oh led the team by garnering first place in both Algebra and Advanced Algebra. Other top Algebra competitors were Ye Jun Choi (first place),

Sei Higuchi (second place), Jin Han Yoon (third place), Jong Seo Koo (fourth place), and Hye Ryeong Chun (fourth place).

Students who won ribbons in the Geometry category were Jong Seo Koo (third place), Hye Ryeong Chun (third place) and Jin Han Yoon (third place). In the Advanced Algebra category, ribbons were won by Yumi Ito (first place), Jin Han Yoon (first place), Dong Hyun Kim (first place), Sei Higuchi (first place), Min Suk Kim (first place), Jeane

Bracken (second place), Soo Ho Sohn (third place), and Jong Seo Koo (fifth place).

The CNMI Math Court Competition is a series of meets that measures the mathematical achievement of students at every grade level and awards those students showing the highest levels of mastery at each level.

Over 500 students in the CNMI public and private schools competed in the October competition. The next competition will be held on Nov. 19. (PR)



Nov. 1, 2000

OPA expects closure of more recommendations

Intensified efforts by the administration of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to improve the delivery of government services have raised hopes that more delinquent recommendations issued by the Office of the Public Auditor will see closure in the next months. This, as the Interagency Audit Coordinating Group has scheduled regular meetings with the OPA and government agencies who are yet to institute actions that would address the problems identified by the Public Auditor in its reports.

PSS issues E-rate survey

The Public School System will begin distributing this week Erate survey forms that will determine CNMI's eligibility to apply for technology and telecommunications federal funding in support of ongoing plans to institute a CNMI-wide electronic network infrastructure. PSS Technology Coordinator Mark Savares met yesterday with representatives from each public school to finalize distribution plans as well as to mark the deadline for its submission. Collectively, some 36,000 questionnaires in three sets of languages (Chamorro, Carolinian, and English) will be given out to parents of close to 10,000 students on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

Nov. 1, 2001

Rising HIV cases unite agencies

The rising number of HIV-AIDS cases reported by the Department of Public Health, prompted various government agencies and private organizations to launch a comprehensive awareness program. Officials from the DPH, the Division of Youth Services and other organizations yesterday launched a Commonwealth-wide prevention-education program on HIV/AIDS. "Considering the population, 38 cases can be considered big. Before we think that HIV/AIDS is purely a gay thing. But we proved otherwise," said DPH Advisor David Rosario. He added that the disease is a heterosexual problem that may be acquired through different means.

\$2.79M set aside for Tinian classrooms

Citing the benefits of additional classrooms on Tinian, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio signed into law a bill reallocating \$2.79 million for the construction of new classroom buildings and other needed improvements at the Tinian Elementary School. The money will be taken from funds allocated for Tinian under Public Law 11-89, which remain available for reappropriation, according to Tenorio. In his message to legislative leaders, the Governor said the enactment of House Bill 12-411 would allow the Public School System to proceed with the construction of new classrooms on Tinian and other needed projects to improve the school. With Tenorio's signature, the bill now becomes Public Law 12-69.

Nov. 1, 2002

Govt hospital lacks pediatrician

The Commonwealth Health Center has a shortage of pediatricians since last month, with an advisory from the public hospital noting that the situation is expected to persist up until November 2002. This, as the CHC advised the public to wait or seek medical attention from private clinics on the island. The advisory, posted outside the CHC pediatric unit entrance, warned that patients would have to endure a "long wait or you may want to consider going to other clinics." According to the CHC, Dr. Roopal Patel has been the only pediatrician attending to patients since last month, after another pediatrician, Dr. Judith Voros, reportedly took a leave.

CPA: Saipan airport to get more security improvements

The Commonwealth Ports Authority yesterday disclosed that additional facilities will be added to the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport to ensure the smooth and effective implementation of federal security measures. Aside from the deployment of Transportation Security Administration screeners at the air transport facility, the local ports authority said a multimillion-dollar scanning machine will be installed at the airline counter to inspect check-in luggage. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas also said that an additional screening lane will be constructed in the next few weeks to ensure effective inspection of departing passengers. "Right now, we have two lanes for the screening process of departing passengers and we would be adding one more lane," Salas explained.



Saipan International School high school and middle school students have their picture taken after participating in the Math Court Competition on Oct. 8, 2011, at Hopwood Junior High School.

NMC to hosts free Cash for College workshop

The Northern Marianas College and College Access Challenge Grant program will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that is aimed at assisting students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop is on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will

ticipants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the col-

be an ongoing session so par- lege's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

> It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three of

ficial copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2009 and 2010, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1526 or email daisym@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting and election tomorrow

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will conduct its 2012 SCC board of directors and officers elections tomorrow, Nov. 2, 2011, at its November general membership meeting at the Saipan Grand Hotel. Luncheon will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin

Past president Jim Arenovski will conduct the election process. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

SCC will also present its guest speaker, Commodore Deidre L. McLay, U.S.N. Captain for the COMPSRON III preposition vessels, after the election and before the results are made formal. (SCC)

UOG math contest: November problems posted

The University of Guam Division of Mathematical Sciences hosts its annual math contest again this year and has posted the problems for the month of November at www.uog.edu/mathematics.

The contest will be held each month from October 2011 through March 2012. Overall winners will be announced in April. Challenge

your mathematical mind and log onto the website to view the problems. Solutions for the November contest are due Nov. 30, 2011. Submit your solution by email to uog math@yahoo.com.

This year we accept email submission only. Submissions must include the words "Math Contest" in the subject line of the email. In the body of the email include your name, mailing address, school, and grade. (UOG)

NMI Labor to host job fair

The CNMI Department of Labor, in partnership with the business sector, will be sponsoring a job fair this Nov. 2, 2011, Wednesday, at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. All U.S. citizens, CNMI permanent residents, U.S. permanent residents, and all others who are interested are invited to apply directly to companies for jobs in which they are qualified, available, and are interested to fill. For more information, contact Labor at 664-3190 and ask for Radbert Solomon, Dolores Saures, or Roy Tarope for assistance. (PR)

Deadline for farmer/rancher grants fast approaching

The Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Service (NMC-CREES) wants to remind farmers and ranchers of the CNMI that grants are available to them from the

Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education, a program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by Utah State University.

The grants from WSARE are

meant to promote good stewardship of the nation's natural resources, to enhance the quality of life of farmers and ranchers, to ensure the viability of rural communities, to protect the health and safety of those involved in food and farm systems, and to promote crop, livestock and enterprise diversification.

There are several grant types available. Farmers and ranchers can avail up to \$15,000 of three farmers may get up to \$25,000. Professional + Producer Grants are limited to \$50,000. Additionally, WSARE provides grants for professional development of agriculturists up to \$60,000.

The deadline for this year's org. (NMC)

and groups with a minimum grant application cycle is Dec. 2, 2011. For more information, contact NMC-CREES WSARE coordinator Dr. Allan Sabaldica at 433-2576 or allans@nmcnet.edu. Grant applications are available on the WSARE website http://www.westernsare.

Kagman students help beautify community center

Kagman High School students recently volunteered their time and services to the Kagman Community Center, which is busy preparing for a grand opening.

The students helped beautify the inside of the center and cut out black sheets of paper that were attached to the window frames to block out the sun.

Daniel Huh, president of Kagman Komunidat Association, said he is very thankful for the assistance extended by these students and hopes that more Kagman residents would help

out. Certificates of service will be given to these students.

Huh also acknowledged the assistance of Rep. Ramon Basa and his helper, John Camacho; Rep. Fredrick Deleon Guerrero and MINA members; Laolao Golf Resort president Kwang Joong Kim, general manager Tetsuya Matsunaga and the lawn mowing team; JKPL executive director John Oliver Gonzales and the Bookmobile team; the Kagman Community Center staff, especially technician John Aldan and finance manager Priscilla Castro.

"I want to inform Kagman residents that the Bookmobile is making weekly visits to the Kagman Community Center on Tuesday afternoons starting November. The mobile carries all sorts of books for adults and children," Huh said.

He said the center is also scheduling several educational programs, including music and Korean language classes, leadership training, and first-time driving practice, etc.

"I have a vision that Kagman will be the Manhattan of

the CNMI in the future. I think 'Kag' has the meaning of 'two (or many)-storied building. 'Man' can be interpreted into '10.000 or many.' I'm humbly asking governmental agencies and businesses for more assistance, cooperation, and donation. Right now, we need to repair the aircon and install the solar street lights costing over \$20,000. There is a saying, 'Heaven helps those who help themselves.' But I'd like to say, 'Heaven helps those who help each other," said Huh. (PR)

Man in New Year's Day beating gets 22-day sentence

Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos has imposed a 22day prison term on a man who, along with a companion, beat up two men last New Year's Day and kicked a pickup truck in another incident.

Inos sentenced Isai F. Roby to a year in prison, all suspended except for 22 days, for assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace. Roby was also sentenced to a year in prison, all suspended except for 10 days, for criminal mischief, in the second case.

The sentence in the second case shall be served concurrently with the sentence in the first case.

Inos gave the 26-year-old Roby credit for the 72 hours he has already served in jail. This means that Roby has 19 more days to serve in prison. He will start serving the rest of his sentence on Nov. 7, 2011.

After serving hi sentence, Roby will be placed on probation for three years. He was ordered to pay \$1,736.82 in restitution in the beating case and \$290 in restitution for damaging the truck.

Inos also required him to pay a \$100 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, plus probation fee, and perform 125 hours of community service.

Inos ordered Roby to complete anger management counseling and barred him from drinking any alcoholic beverages or using controlled substances during his probation.

In the beating case, the Office of the Attorney General had charged Roby with two counts of assault and battery, one count of criminal mischief, and four counts of disturbing the peace. For damaging a vehicle, the OAG charged the defendant with criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace.

Roby signed a plea agreement. He pleaded guilty to assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace in the beating case. He pleaded guilty to criminal mischief in the second case.

According to the plea agreement, Roby went to Jeanine Beauty Salon and assaulted Fortunato Roa Jr. on Jan. 1, 2011. The assault left Roa with facial cuts, swelling and bleeding. During this incident Roby damaged property in the salon.

On May 4, 2010, Roby kicked a gold 2001 Nissan Frontier pickup truck belonging to Soley Marie Kaipat. The kick caused a dent on the rear of the passenger door.

Detective Steven Castro stated in his report that Roby and Redson R. Herwin attended a party at the beauty salon and repeatedly punched Roa and Edison Duron. (Ferdie de la Torre)



KHS JROTC staff briefers rated No. 1 in the nation

The JROTC Program Director for the United States of America, Col. Bagley, visited all CNMI JROTC programs on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan on Oct. 22, 2011, the first visit ever by a ranking official from the U.S. Cadet Command.

Every school gave some kind of staff briefing or commander presentation for each school. All schools did an outstanding job in presenting their briefings and were given a cadet command Coin of Excellence.

Kagman High School was recognized for having the best briefers. "KHS JROTC went above and beyond my expectations and was the best staff briefing I have ever seen," Bagley said.

Bagley has seen many briefings and oversees over 1,600 JROTC programs in high schools.

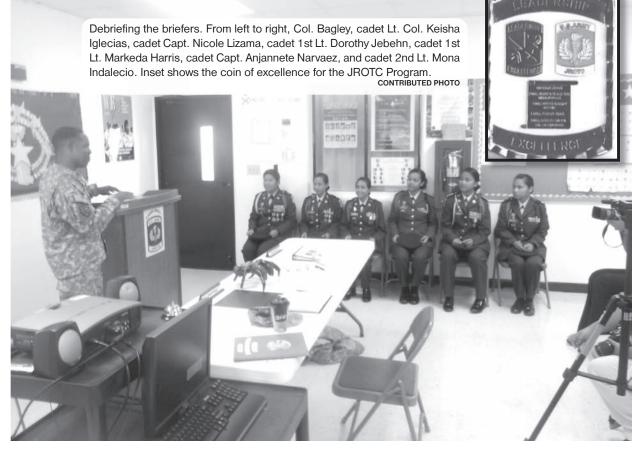
The five Kagman High briefers were battalion commander cadet Lt. Col. Manglona Keisha; S-1 Admin officer cadet 2nd Lt. Lizama Nicole; S-2 Security and Intelligence officer cadet 1st Lt. Jebehn Dorothy; S-3 Operation Training officer cadet 1st Lt. Harris Markeda; S-5 Logistic and Supply officer cadet Capt. Narvaez Anjannete; and S-5 Public Affairs officer cadet 2nd Lt. Indalecio Mona.

The briefing consisted of their background information, duties and responsibilities, and how JROTC helped them in their life and to be a better citizen. The presentation was a 45-minute slide show that required pie charts, bar graphs, and statistic charts that provided the status of the school enrollment and service enlistments.

The Army instructors responsible for training the cadets at Kagman High are MSG James Burke and SFC Anthony Lukeala.

Bagley also said that during his fourday stay in the CNMI, people were extremely friendly and the hospitality was excellent and that he would like to return very soon.

After his visit, he then went to Guam to check the three JROTC high school programs there and returned to Headquarters Cadet Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he will brief his commander, Maj. Gen. McDonald, a two-star general, about his visit to the Pacific. (PR)



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Congress must put people back to work rebuilding our country

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wenty-nine years ago this November, an American president of one party asked a Congress controlled by another to pass a transportation jobs bill. "It will stimulate 170,000 jobs in the hard-hit construction industries," he argued, "and an additional 150,000 jobs in related industries." As a result, he concluded, "we will be preserving for future generations of Americans a highway system that has long been the envy of the world."

That president was Ronald Reagan, a Republican. Within 40 days, the Democratic-controlled House and Senate approved major legislation putting their constituents back to work rebuilding our roads, bridges and transit systems.

Clearly, America's politics have changed since 1982. But America's problems look astonishingly similar. Our citizens are struggling amidst the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression and many of our transportation systems are overburdened and at risk of obsolescence.

This week, the United States Senate will have the opportunity to do something about it when voting on the transportation component of President Barack Obama's American Jobs Act.

If Congress fails to act yet again, we all will miss out on a singular opportunity—a chance to ease congestion on traffic-clogged roads, repair America's overcrowded transit networks and structurally deficient bridges, put in place a next-generation air traffic control system that will reduce travel times and delays, and, most of all, get Americans' families, friends and neighbors back to work.

It does not need to be this way.

If Congress passes the president's transportation plan, the United States will make an immediate investment in construction jobs upgrading 150,000 miles of road, laying or maintaining 4,000 miles of track, and restoring 150 miles of runways.

We also will establish a national infrastructure bank. The bank will operate independently and issue loans emphasizing two criteria: how badly a project is needed and how much good it would do for the economy. No boondoggles. No bridges to nowhere. No unnecessary red tape.

Finally, all of this will be funded without adding a dime to the deficit. President Obama proposed that we pay for these investments through his long-term plan to slash our debt—a plan that cuts spending and asks the wealthiest citizens and biggest corporations to kick in their fair share in taxes.

This is about priorities. Should we repair America's 69,000 worn out bridges or keep tax loopholes for oil companies? Should we hire construction workers to build a national high-speed rail network that connects 80 percent of Americans or let billionaires pay lower tax rates than their secretaries?

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Samhain, saints, souls and spooks

'was the Celtic celebration of the end of summer (literally, *Samhain*), or trepidation over the start of winter. The Celts' departed souls returned to earth this time to spook those who had done them wrong; everyone kept hearth cold and the Druid priests lit bonfires to ward off nasty spirits, while the faithful cuddled around the warmth of the communal fire, or carried torches around to drive out witches.

The Irish sense of humor claims that Jack was too nasty to enter heaven but too naughty (he ridiculed demons) to be welcomed in hell, so banned from either place, the jack-o-lantern is doomed to roam earth in perpetuity. 'Tis the Irish wandering Jew!

After the official recognition of the Catholic Church into the Roman Empire's list of accepted sects in 313 CE, the ecclesiasticals remembered persecuted martyrs, raising them up as exemplars. Prayers were offered May 13, and the day after honored all souls.

The Egyptian sun god Ra descended daily into the netherworld to rise up again in the morn, a dramaturgical element of the Christ's birth-death-resurrection cycle. Souls who died without making it across the threshold of grace transitioned in purgatory, granted remission of sins on the strength of prayers from the faithful. Novenas lit up the marquee and the clink of the coin in the church coffers sprung a soul from ghoul!

As is often the case of any regulatory/licensing office, corruption comes with the office desks, and it did not take long before a rotund German Augustinian monk took exception to the sacerdotal office's issuance of release permits to wandering purgatory residents, resulting in the Protestant Reformation.

Like the pre-emption of the hedonist orgies of Bacchus transformed the incarnate *Logos* into a cannibalistic ritual, *aka* the Eucharist and Christ-mass, the *Samhain* got sanctified into All Saints' Day. All Souls' Day followed.

All cultures honor their dead. Dusting the tombs of ancestors, known as *Qingming* in China, is not unlike Kate Winslet character's smile over the memory of the Leonardo DiCaprio role in the movie *Titanic*, while Celine Dion croons *My Heart Will Go On* into the sunset. It is a common enough understanding that my ChEnglish students appreciate when I identify the song as a *Qingming* song; we use it to navigate through the Titanic pronunciation of English words.

Samhain and other similar climate change rites dot all geographical points across the planet. Saints abound and they do march in, still being martyred. The soul has become an empathetic exclamation point for poets and artists, an energy field for the physicist, and a gastronomic ambience to chefs of the American south. On Saipan, both celebrations provide a good excuse to spruce up the expensive real estate southeast of the cathedral.

It's the spooks that ground us this year. President-able Mitt Romney finally moved out of the climate-change-denial-stance so

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jealously guarded by orthodox GOP. A *Boston Globe* op-ed piece assailed as bad science the explanations attendant to the current dumbfounding reality of climate change—e.g., snowstorm in the U.S. Northeast in October, the increase in tremors, typhoons, tidal and heat waves across the planet, and the severity of droughts and floods in places that have heretofore handled occurrences as simply Mother Nature's periodic hiccups—which may not be enough to allay the conundrum of Bangkok residents who are wet up to their elbows but are short of potable water!

The previously forested watershed upland off Bangkok toward the north now only 20 from 70 percent after only 50 years may have something to do with the drainage mess that has visited Thailand's topography, but no one will touch that historical tidbit since government and corporate bodies had all their fingers in that cookie jar.

Spookier is U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's trick or threat stance in his recent Asian tour, prominently asserting U.S. military presence in the Pacific, widely broadcast, aired and inked. It does not mean fortifying Micronesia. It means carriers and destroyers outside the 12-mile limits of China, and drones within striking distance from Alaska-Japan/S. Korea-Philippines-Australia axis. China's claim of oil reserves near the Japan Sea and in the West Philippine Sea (an invasive new term referring to the eastern part of the South China Sea) is the new arena of conflict.

Stephen Bosworth of State determined that the DPKR-US *tete-a-tete* in Geneva was hopeless even before he got to eyeball his counterpart. Meanwhile, China's Vice Premier Li Keqiang traveled to Pyongyang and Seoul to get the six-party talks restarted. Empires in decline tend to be trigger-happy, we are told!

Halloween this year bears the stench of smoldering buildings and burnt oil in the Arab Spring. The financial system that crafted the pyramid of phantom wealth unravels even as the euro drools over possible \(\frac{1}{2}\) uan investments to tide the ledger over before reality collapses the market. Main Streets' occupancy of Wall Street is to naught since the financial cancer has gone viral. The feds are confident they can print more dollars!

Have a Hallowed evening. Boo!

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Letters to the Editor

Making it harder for US citizen workers

The recent takeover has affected how qualified and available U.S. workers compete for jobs. It has made it harder and placed them in a more disadvantaged position than they were in the past. While the takeover presents benefits, there are others that suffered as result. Yes, I am talking about the effects it has had on qualified and available U.S. workers to compete and fill jobs in which they are qualified. While it provides a positive effect on wages, the recruitment of primary preference workers has gone haywire, with many employers confused or have their own interpretation of what they believe the final rule requires.

Let's look at the job advertisements. During local control, the O-NET was used to ensure that duties, responsibilities, education, training, abilities and knowledge of the job are fair and provide equitable and accessible competition for qualified U.S. citizens, CNMI permanent residents, U.S. permanent residents and others who are qualified. Now, employers are advertising requirements that are selective and make it even harder for U.S workers. Employers are inflating job qualifications. Front desk clerk requiring three-years' experience, AA degree for a clerk, and other selective factors, just to mention a few.

How about the era of no job openings? I remember dealing with

this many years ago. One of the biggest complaints U.S. workers had then was being told that there is no job opening when or during the advertisement period. This has come back and U.S. workers are starting to believe that there is nothing that they can do about it.

These workers are left with no avenue for an appeal of their concerns and are considered before a work visa for a foreign national is considered. While people have the idea that they can report fraud to the FBI—perhaps this is what Mr. Gullick was referring to—they just don't know where to go for assistance in situations mentioned above. The Labor ombudsman won't do it, nor the U.S. Department of Labor. So where do they go at this level to be heard? U.S workers are screaming for help at this time. They are left further behind in the system.

I encourage all U.S. workers to call the CNMI Department of Labor if anyone of you believes that your primary preference has been violated. I am sure that they will be happy to assist and guide you appropriately.

Alfred A. Pangelinan

Desperation and complaints lead to nothing

I don't understand these people. First they complained and when US-CIS came and addressed that complaint, they complain again. Please, stop these complaining! Instead, seek guidance and help. You're not the only one worrying about the changes. Even us—the business community, local residents, widows, spouses with children, and service providers—all of us too are worried about our needs that the USCIS did not see. We are worried of what's going to happen after Nov. 27.

Right now, these are some of the problems that we worry about:

- Are business owners able to pay the unpaid salaries that they still need to pay?
- Are employees able to collect their unpaid salaries?
- For working parents who rely on an affordable domestic helper for childcare and household maintenance, where are we going to get these labor and are we able to afford them?
- Is our struggling economy going to get better or worse after Nov. 27?
- Our government, which also relies on experts, are we able to hire affordable replacements?
- Are we ready for the transition from low wages to federal minimum wage?
- Do we have enough qualified individuals to replace those who are leaving?

■ Some of these U.S. citizen children might not be able to afford

going home. What is going to happen to them? You know that we

- are responsible for all U.S. citizens. ■ With the short notification of USCIS regulation, everything is being rushed and you know what rushing can cause. Remember, when the Secretary of the Interior rushed the report to grant improved status?
- Is the CNMI Department of Labor ready to help us with our employment needs? I mean, with the new regulation, don't you think they need training to transition from the old to new system?
- Can our lawmakers address our needs to transition from the old system to the new?
- Who will be responsible for paying the unpaid bills of those who are leaving?

There might be more. So those of you who are desperate for answers, stop complaining and start seeking for guidance and help. Haven't you learned your lesson, paying for something that leads to nothing?

May God help us all find the answers to our questions and needs.

Winnie Atalig

San Jose, Tinian

Truth and reality

From 2007 up to this day, we have publicly addressed the intention of certain foreign organizations in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. We made it crystal clear that there are no shortcuts when it comes to permanent residency or pathways to citizenship and that our homeland is not a stepping stone and we are in a unique political union with the United States. Protests, marches, vigils, and signature drives led by self-interested individuals have misled others into believing that a blanket, handing out of green cards or citizenship across the board existed. Recently, a lawsuit was filed in federal court against federal officials by a foreign group, the same group that started all the immigration fiascos in our home island.

Unfortunately, the truth and reality is fast coming and definitely there is a serious need for the federal government to enforce border laws and to correct decades of ignorance and abuse of an immigration system that was once under our control. The truth is that some guest workers who have lived and worked in the Com-

monwealth for decades or more knew the flaws and loopholes in our immigration system then; otherwise they would not have lived and worked here all those years. Today, they act as if they knew nothing and are crying foul about being victimized. The question is, victimized by whom? Now they are suing in federal court the very government they so fully supported and hailed victory when it became public law.

A final note and a reminder to all: Our government filed lawsuits and attended congressional hearings after hearings but was unsuccessful in its quest to stop or prevent Congress from taking control of our immigration system. There are far more atrocities around the world such as hunger, genocide, terrorism and so forth but circumventing U.S. immigration laws is not one of them.

Gregorio Cruz

Phoenix, Arizona

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There is no such thing as a Democratic or Republican bridge and there is no such thing as a Democratic or Republican job repairing that bridge when it is in danger of falling down.

Our infrastructure belongs to all of us. It is more than the way we get from one place to another; it is the way we lead our lives and pursue our dreams. Furthermore, job creation should be everyone's No. 1 priority, especially in this economy.

We have heard economists and analysts of every political persuasion tell us that President Obama's jobs bill will boost the economy and spur hiring.

More importantly, we have heard the uproar of enthusiasm from

the American people. I have traveled to 200 cities in 48 states during the last three years. Everywhere I go, people come up to me and say the same thing: "Put my neighbors to back to work rebuilding our country."

Three decades ago, when President Reagan signed his transportation jobs bill into law, he said that America could, once again, "ensure for our children a special part of their heritage—a network of highways and mass transit that has enabled our commerce to thrive, our country to grow, and our people to roam freely and easily to every corner of our land."

Our transportation system is a special part of our heritage.

American workers designed the canals that first made interstate commerce possible, the transcontinental railroad that connected our coasts, and the interstate highway system that supported a half-century of unrivaled opportunity and prosperity.

My reply

To Vince G. Cabrera: Since you mentioned my name in your letter to the editor, this is my reply:

- 1) Is it also hard for you to comprehend that I was and am still supporting a better status for long-time guest workers based on the U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress bills, DOI, and CNMI Senate recommendations? As I said before during the CNMI Senate hearing: Any form or shape or color of an improved status is an improved status and it doesn't need to be green or blue immediately. I am just supporting what is written on paper. Now, I hope that even if English is just my second language, sana gets mu!...(komprende?!)
- 2) Having another significant other doesn't exist only among guest workers. This happens all over the world. Don't tell me those local people who are having relationships with another significant other are homesick. Homesick in their own home? C'mon!
- 3) If some guest workers entered the CNMI with false documents, I believe it was the negligence of your government to scrutinize this thing. Somehow they knew it but they allowed it. Why? Your guess is just good as mine.
- 4) You said that we made businesses scramble to finance the fee to petition their workers. Do you comprehend simple mathematics? Let me give you a simple example on how the fees under CW are cheaper. If an employer will petition five welders under the CNMI system, the employer will pay \$375/welder X 5 welders = \$1,875 plus alien registration of \$25/welder, total is \$125, for a grand total of \$2,000 fee. Under the federal guest worker program: \$150/ welder X 5 welders = \$750 (for education/training of U.S. workers) plus \$320/category, plus the fee for biometrics (which the employer may or may not shoulder) \$85/welder X 5 welders = \$425,for a grand total of \$1,495 only. Did you comprehend that? Now, if the employers cannot come up with the cheaper fee in hiring guest workers, I therefore conclude that they do not have the ability to pay their workers too and therefore should not be allowed to hire nonimmigrant workers to avoid unpaid wages. That is my stand and my personal opinion.

To Greg Cruz: We had healthy discussions and debate when you were still here in the CNMI. And I mentioned to some of the guest workers that you were calm during our discussions. I am assuming and happy for you that, since you are in Arizona, you have better opportunities there and have a better life.

- 1. Greg, let's pretend that the CNMI has decided not to be under the U.S. anymore and the U.S. citizenships that were given under the Covenant in 1976 to Commonwealth residents will be revoked. How would you feel if people like you will not be allowed to travel, work, and stay anymore in any U.S. state? Let's pretend again that you have your kids and grandchildren who are U.S. citizens, studying and have enjoyed their stay there in the U.S. Would it be easy for you to pack your things and go back here to the CNMI, knowing that the economy here is worse than before? If your answer is no, guest workers here have the same feeling (let's talk about feelings here because we are all human).
- 2) Please remember that those who filed the lawsuit only filed a complaint regarding the CW regulations not the whole federal government. And please remember also that there will never be a law or a regulation that will satisfy everyone. There will always be one or some who will oppose it.

The truth and reality is, we are all victims here of a broken

And lastly, the truth is, I will still be here legally after Nov. 27, 2011, whether you like it or not.

Malou H. Berueco

Airport Road, Saipan

American workers wielded the shovels, laid the tracks and poured the concrete that brought these things to life. American workers passed these things on to us—their children and grandchildren. And American workers paid the taxes that were necessary to finance these investments in their tomorrows. They sacrificed so their neighbors would have jobs, so their businesses would flourish, so all of us would reap the benefits of living in the best country in the world.

The United States is not a nation that just talks about building big only to get mired in the smallness of politics. We are better than that

In America, we do big things. We solve tough problems.

If Congress passes President Obama's American Jobs Act, we can once again put people back to work making our nation's transportation system the "envy of the world," just to borrow a phrase from President Reagan.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Palau	Rain	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Yap	Rain	▲ 84 ▼ 76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 76
Majuro	Rain	▲ 84 ▼ 76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲ 65	▼ 62
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64	▼ 49
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 83	▼74
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86	▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59	₹54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76	▼ 52
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲ 91	▼81
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67	₹55
Miami	Rain	≜ 83	₹71
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 53	₹44
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 74	₹58
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59	▼ 50
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 70	₹60
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 50
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 52	▼37
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73	₹55
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 70	▼53
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 69	▼ 55

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180

A surface trough extends northeastward from 6N130E through a circulation centered northwest of Koror near 9N133E then turns eastward to end near 10N147E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over Koror between 9N and 5N from 132E to 136E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located southwest of Guam within 90 miles of a line from 12N141E to 9N145E. Converging east winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of the Marianas between 16N and 11N from 136E to 142E and east of the Marianas within 120 miles of a line from 13N146E to 11N155E. A surface trough runs southwestward from 13N161E to 4N157E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring east of Chuuk between 10N and 6N from 152E to 158E and northeast of Pohnpei between 14N and 11N from 157E to 163E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Majuro between 7N and 2N from 171E to 177E.

Tides Saipan Harbor Low Tide: 5:37 AM Today 0.3 Feet 1:03 PM Today High Tide: 1.8 Feet 6:35 PM Today Low Tide: 1.2 Feet 10:50 PM Today High Tide: 1.7 Feet

Washington, DC Partly Cloudy ▲ 56 ▼44

Sunrise/Sunset							
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Thursday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM					
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Moonrise/Moonset							
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Thursday	12:48 PM						
Friday	1:27 PM	12:45 PM					
Saturday	2:05 PM	1:34 PM					

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Rota-Saipan			·	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
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Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily				
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FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
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Business

Understanding your auto insurance coverage

Everyone in the CNMI who drives is required by law to obtain auto insurance, but when people look at their policy, oftentimes there is confusion. Understanding what the terms and figures on your auto policy mean is vital to ensuring you have enough coverage to protect you.

Liability Coverage

If you are involved in an accident and you are at fault, your liability coverage will pay for the damage to the other car as well as medical care given to anyone who was injured. You are required by law to carry a minimum amount of liability insurance to cover third-party injuries and property damage. Liability coverage usually appears as three numbers; these three numbers are the limits of vour policy for bodily injury per person, bodily injury per incident, and physical damage.

If your liability limits are 15/30/15, you are carrying \$15,000 per person for injury, \$30,000 per incident for injury, and \$15,000 for physical damage. These are the maximum amounts your insurance company will pay out on a claim made

against you. This coverage is considered standard.

To improve coverage, increase in liability limits is also available. Your 15/30/15 could increase to 25/50/25. Increase in limits may in-

depending on the type of policy you have and discounts applicable.

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Collision coverage is for damage sustained by your vehicle in the event of an accident. The de-

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will be responsible for paying if a claim is made. Comprehensive coverage is

ductible is the amount that you

Each of them is coverage for

damage done to your vehicle,

but they apply to different types

of claims. If you have a loan

on your car, in most cases, you

will be required to carry both

for damage sustained by your

vehicle outside of an accident. This may include vandalism and damage caused by natural disasters. Again, there will be a deductible amount that you will be responsible for if a claim is made.

Uninsured Motorist Coverage

Uninsured Motorist is a coverage that protects you in case you are involved in an accident with another driver who does not have liability coverage and is at fault in the accident. This coverage will appear in a

similar format to your liability coverage with the exception of coverage on property damages.

Medical Coverage or Personal Injury Protection

This coverage helps to pay for medical care of anyone in the vehicle who is injured in an accident. This coverage is considered optional in the CNMI.

These are the main types of auto insurance coverage. You may have other options available, but these basics will help you to understand the foundation of your auto policy.

Billionaire battle: Russians take feud to UK court

LONDON (AP)—They were once said to be like father and son, vacationing, signing deals, and socializing at the Kremlin together. But these days two of Russia's richest men can't stand each other—and they're trading insults in a spectacularly expensive public feud.

At more than \$6.5 billion, the lawsuit brought by Russian tycoon Boris Berezovsky against fellow oligarch Roman Abramovich is a financial drama of giant proportions.

"It's the biggest claim currently being litigated anywhere in the world," said Mark Hastings, one of the lawyers acting for Berezovsky in the case being heard at London's Commercial Court. "I haven't seen anything like it."

It's not just the money that sets the case apart; it's the larger-than-life cast of characters set against the murky backdrop of post-Soviet politics.

Berezovsky, 65, is a fabulously rich former Kremlin power broker turned enemy of the state who has sought refuge in Britain while remaining an outspoken critic of Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

Abramovich, 45, has gobbled up London institutions like Chelsea Football Club and spent part of his vast fortune on beautiful yachts and homes.

They are among the most visible members of the freespending Russian oligarchy that emerged after the collapse of the Soviet state.

Abramovich is scheduled to take the witness stand and undergo cross-examination on Monday.

At the core of the suit is the billions of dollars that Berezovsky claims Abramovich owes him. Berezovsky accuses his former friend and protege of betraving him when he fell out of favor with then-president Vladimir Putin.

The case has drawn large crowds of journalists, trainee lawyers and spectators, especially on days when Berezovsky was on the stand. The Commercial Court has opened another room video-linked to it for visitors who can't find a seat in court.

But many Russians in London seem to take a cynical view in this battle of the billionaires.

"I think the prevailing mood is that of apathy and the average person wants them both to lose the case somehow, or at least not to have further financial gains," said Natasha Chouvaeva, the London-based publisher of



Abramovich

RussianUK magazine.

The oligarchs' feud is just the most visible of the huge number of big commercial fraud cases dealing with Russia and Central Asia that have found their way to London courts. Lawyers say that many wealthy Russians flock to English courtrooms because they believe they can find fairness there, compared with Russian courts.

Berezovsky

"In modern Russia people who can afford it won't buy a pack of medicine in a local pharmacy or a bottle of wine for fear of it being fake, let alone trust the authorities," Chouvaeva said. "And of course, people do not trust the judicial system."

In the witness stand over the past few weeks, Berezovsky has called Abramovich a "gangster," describing him as a man who's "not so smart" but talented in manipulating people.

The lawyer for Abramovich—a so-called "stealth oligarch" who has shied away from the media and hardly speaks in public-has dismissed Berezovsky's claims as nonsense and accused him of lying.

In a witness statement published this weekend in advance of his testimony, Abramovich says he has already paid Berezovsky more than \$2.5 billion for his political patronage, and doesn't owe him any more.

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policy as deductible amounts.

"I am disappointed and surprised that he additionally asserts a legal claim to a further significant portion of my wealth," he says of Berezovsky. "This is wealth that I have generated through hard work and by taking risks associated with doing business in Russia. I am not part of his family; I am not his keeper and I have no obligation, legal or moral, to fund his

lifestyle or attempt to indulge his fantastic demands."

Berezovsky and Abramovich, both self-made entrepreneurs, were said to have become friends after they met on a private cruise. Berezovsky, a mathematician who founded the first Mercedes dealership in

the former Soviet Union, built his fortune during Russia's privatization of state assets in the early 1990s.

In return for backing former president Boris Yeltsin, he and others gained access to his exclusive inner circle—called "the Family"—as well as valuable state assets at knockdown prices.

According to Berezovsky, he had been "impressed" with Abramovich—who was a 28year-old oil trader when the pair first met—but believed the younger man needed his political influence to get ahead in the lawless chaos of post-Soviet

He claimed he had treated Abramovich just like a son.

Together with a third partner, the pair founded Sibneft, the Russian oil and gas conglomerate. In 2005, Abramovich sold Sibneft to Russia's state-owned gas monopoly Gazprom in a multibillion-dollar deal.

The two men's fortunes reversed when Berezovsky fell out with Putin, with whom he said he had enjoyed "fantastical relations", shortly after he became president in 2000.



Understanding what the terms and figures on your auto policy mean is vital to ensuring you have enough

source Management CNMI Chapter will be hosting its November general membership lunch meeting on Friday, Nov.4, 2011, from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

The meeting topic, "Workplace Flexibility," will be presented by Karen Verico, Pacific-West Field Services Director for SHRM National.

This timely presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for both employers and employees to learn about workplace flexof today's increasingly diverse, aging, and multi-generational workforce. By attending, you will learn how flexible work arrangements such as job sharing, flexible scheduling, and phased retirement can drive employee engagement, productivity, retention, and benefit your organization's bottom line. Companies will also be highlighted that have won the national Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility for their innovative programs. Participants will also learn about new resources as a result of SHRM's partnership with the Families and Work Institute, including the "When Work Works" initiative. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn how you can make your workforce more flexible and competitive during these challenging economic times.

The presentation includes lunch and the cost is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Polly DLG Masga at 237-5122 or e-mail her at pollydlg@gmail.com. (SHRM)

Oil falls below \$93 amid slowing global economy

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil pric- European leaders would soon it cannot go even farther, but day in Asia as investors mulled whether slowing global economic growth justified a surge in crude this month.

Benchmark crude for December delivery was down 48 cents at \$92.84 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 64 cents to settle at \$93.32 in New York on Friday.

Brent crude was down 5 cents at \$109.86 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange in London.

Crude has soared this month up 24 percent from \$75 on Oct. 4—amid investor expectations

es fell below \$93 a barrel Mon- announce a plan to contain it is to say that it has certainly Greece's debt crisis. Last week. EU policymakers said they agreed to lower Greece's debt level over the next decade and require bondholders to accept 50 percent losses.

Traders are now turning their attention to the global economy, especially to weak growth in the U.S and Europe. Some analysts expect the jump in crude prices in October will push gasoline prices higher and undermine demand.

"The market has come a very long way in a very short amount of time," energy trader and consultant The Schork Group said in a report. "That is not to say

gone far enough to start pinching consumers."

Investors will be closely watching the latest employment figures scheduled to be announced Friday for signs about the strength of the U.S. economy. Gross domestic product grew 2.5 percent in the third quarter, allaying fears of a recession, but consumer confidence is at its lowest in almost three years.

In other Nymex trading, heating oil fell 0.8 cent to \$3.06 per gallon and gasoline futures slid 1.5 cents at \$2.63 per gallon. Natural gas advanced 0.9 cent at \$3.93 per 1,000 cubic feet.

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Nation

October snow tricks Northeast, leaves 3M powerless

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn. (AP)—When winter's white mixes with autumn's orange and gold, nature gets ugly.

A freak October nor'easter knocked out power to more than 3 million homes and businesses across the Northeast on Sunday in large part because leaves still on the trees caught more snow, overloading branches that snapped and wreaked havoc. Close to 2 feet of snow fell in some areas over the weekend, and it was particularly wet and heavy, making the storm even more damaging.

"You just have absolute tree carnage with this heavy snow just straining the branches," said National Weather Service spokesman Chris Vaccaro.

From Maryland to Maine, officials said it would take days to restore electricity, even though the snow ended Sunday.

The storm smashed record snowfall totals for October and worsened as it moved north. Communities in western Massachusetts were among the hardest hit. Snowfall totals topped 27 inches in Plainfield, and nearby



A man walks near a tree down on a power line a day after a snow storm in Glastonbury, Conn., Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011.

Windsor had gotten 26 inches by early Sunday.

It was blamed for at least 11 deaths, and states of emergency

were declared in New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and

parts of New York.

Roads, rails and airline flights were knocked out, and passengers on a JetBlue flight were stuck on a plane in Hartford, Conn., for more than seven hours. And while children across the region were thrilled to see snow so early, it also complicated many of their Halloween plans.

Sharon Martovich of Southbury, Conn., said she hoped go," she said.

the power will come back on in time for her husband's Halloween tradition of playing "Young Frankenstein" on a giant screen in front of their house. But no matter what, she said, they will make sure the eight or so children who live in the neighborhood don't miss out on trick-or-treating.

"Either way we will get the giant flashlights and we will

3 young men killed in Kansas grain elevator blast

ATCHISON, Kan. (AP)— Three young men were killed in a thunderous explosion at a Kansas grain elevator and recovery efforts for three other people presumed dead were being hampered by the damage, authorities said late Sunday.

The blast, which shook the ground so hard that it was felt in neighboring Missouri, was a harrowing reminder of the dangers workers face inside elevators brimming with highly combustible grain dust at the end of the harvest season.

The explosion Saturday night in Atchison, about 50 miles northwest of Kansas City, sent an orange fireball into the night sky, shot off a chunk of the grain distribution building directly above the elevator and blew a large hole in the side of the one of its concrete silos.

The three Bartlett Grain Co. workers killed were identified late Sunday by local authorities as Chad Roberts, 20; Ryan Federinko, 21; and John Burke, 24. Two other employees were hospitalized with severe burns.

Bartlett officials decided to temporarily halt the search for three other people presumed dead—one worker and two

grain inspectors—because of safety concerns inside the heavily damaged facility. Among the three presumed

dead was Travis Keil, a war veteran who had served as a site inspector for 16 years. His parents, Gary and Ramona Keil, drove from Salina to Atchison, to wait with his three children ages 8, 12 and 15-as crews

Studies challenge wisdom of GOP candidates' plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Key proposals from the Republican presidential candidates might make for good campaign fodder. But independent analyses raise serious questions about those plans and their ability to cure the nation's ills in two vital areas, the economy and housing.

Consider proposed cuts in taxes and regulation, which nearly every GOP candidate is pushing in the name of creating jobs. The initiatives seem to ignore surveys in which employers cite far bigger impediments to increased hiring, chiefly slack consumer demand.

"Republicans favor tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations, but these had no stimulative effect during the George W. Bush administration, and there is no reason to believe that more of them will have any today," writes Bruce Bartlett. He's an economist who worked for Republican congressmen and in the administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

As for the idea that cutting regulations will lead to significant job growth, Bartlett said in an interview, "It's just nonsense. It's just made up.'

Government and industry studies support his view.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, which tracks companies' reasons for large layoffs, found that 1,119 layoffs were attributed to government regulations in the first half of this year, while 144,746 were attributed to poor "business demand."

Mainstream economic theory says governments can spur demand, at least somewhat, through stimulus spending. The Republican candidates, however, have labeled President Barack Obama's 2009 stimulus efforts a failure. Instead, most are calling for tax cuts that would primarily benefit high-income people, who are seen as the likeliest job creators.

"I don't care about that," Texas Gov. Rick Perry told The New York Times and CNBC, referring to tax breaks for the rich. "What I care about is them having the dollars to invest in their companies."

Many existing businesses, however, have plenty of unspent cash. The 500 companies that comprise the S&P index have about \$800 billion in cash and cash equivalents, the most ever, according to the research firm Birinvi Associates.

The rating firm Moody's says the roughly 1,600 companies it monitors had \$1.2 trillion in cash at the end of 2010. That's 11 percent more than a year earlier.

Small businesses rate "poor sales" as their biggest problem, with government regulations ranking second, according to a survey by the National Federation of Independent Businesses. Of the small businesses saying this is not a good time to expand, half cited the poor economy as the chief reason. Thirteen percent named the "political climate."

More small businesses complained about regulation during the administrations of Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush, according to an analysis of the federation's data by the liberal Economic Policy Institute.

Such findings notwithstanding, further cuts in taxes and regulations remain popular with GOP voters. A recent Associated Press-GfK poll found that most Democrats and about half of independents think "reducing environmental and other regulations on business" would do little or nothing to create jobs. But only one-third of Republicans felt that way.

The GOP's presidential hopefuls are shaping their economic agendas along those lines.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney says his 59-point plan "seeks to reduce taxes, spending, regulation and government programs."

Businessman Herman Cain would significantly cut taxes for the wealthy with his 9 percent flat tax plan. Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota said in a recent debate, "It's the regulatory burden that costs us \$1.8 trillion every year. ... It's jobs that are lost."

that global warming is real WASHINGTON (AP)—A prominent physicist and skeptic of global warming spent two years trying to find out if main-

Skeptic finds he now agrees

stream climate scientists were wrong. In the end, he determined they were right: Temperatures really are rising rapidly.

The study of the world's surface temperatures by Richard Muller was partially bankrolled by a foundation connected to global warming deniers. He pursued long-held skeptic theories in analyzing the data. He was spurred to action because of "Climategate," a British scandal involving hacked emails of scientists.

Yet he found that the land is 1.6 degrees warmer than in the 1950s. Those numbers from Muller, who works at the University of California, Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, match those by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NASA.

He said he went even further back, studying readings from Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. His ultimate finding of a warming world, to be presented at a conference Monday, is no different from what mainstream climate scientists have been saying for decades.

What's different, and why everyone from opinion columnists to "The Daily Show" is paying attention is who is behind the study.

One-quarter of the \$600,000 to do the research came from the Charles Koch Foundation, whose founder is a major funder of skeptic groups and the tea party. The Koch brothers, Charles and David, run a large privately held company involved in oil and other industries, producing sizable greenhouse gas emissions.

Muller's research team carefully examined two chief criticisms by skeptics. One is that weather stations are unreliable; the other is that cities, which create heat islands, were skewing the temperature analysis.

"The skeptics raised valid points and everybody should have been a skeptic two years ago," Muller said in a telephone interview. "And now we have confidence that the temperature rise that had previously been reported had been done without bias."

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Asia

Philippine offensive targets key terror suspects

By JIM GOMEZ

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— Philippine bomber planes and troops assaulted a mountain stronghold of the al-Qaidalinked Abu Sayyaf group in the south Sunday in a new offensive targeting a key Malaysian terrorism suspect in Southeast Asia and allied Filipino gunmen, officials said.

Filipino marines found three bodies of suspected militants scattered around the Abu Sayyaf jungle lair near Karawan village in Sulu province's Indanan town after OV-10 planes bombed the area. Security officials were trying to identify the bodies, regional military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang said.

Sulu police operations chief Amil Baanan said the targets

of the offensive, which started Saturday, included Malaysian Zulkifli bin Hir, also known as Marwan, a U.S.-trained Malaysian engineer long hunted by U.S. and Philippine authorities for his alleged role in past bombings and other terror attacks.

The troops were also after Singaporean militant Muhammad Ali Bin Al-Rahman, also known as Muawiya, who is believed to be affiliated with the Southeast Asian militant network Jemaah Islamiyah. Abu Sayyaf commander Umbra Jumdail, who has given refuge to Marwan and Muawiya in his jungle encampment, was also targeted, Banaan said.

Washington has offered \$5 million reward for the capture or killing of Marwan, among Southeast Asia's most wanted terror suspects.

can close its nuclear plant TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese six reactors. Explosions also damaged their buildings, plus

government panel says it will take at least 30 years to safely close the tsunami-hobbled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, even though the facility is leaking far less radiation than before and is considered relatively stable.

The plant, site of the world's worst nuclear accident since Chernobyl in 1986, was severely damaged by Japan's March 11 earthquake and tsunami. It suffered power outages, meltdowns and explosions that released radioactive material and forced tens of thousands of people to flee the area.

While officials say the plant, about 150 miles (240 kilometers) northeast of Tokyo, is now relatively stable, an expert panel named by Japan's Atomic Energy Commission said it would likely take 30 years or more to safely decommission it. The panel made the estimate in the draft of a report to be completed by the end of the year. The draft was posted on the commission's website over the weekend.

Plant workers are still struggling to contain radiation leaking from the plant, although the amount is far less than before.

The panel noted that it took 10 years to remove nuclear fuel after the 1979 Three Mile Island accident in the United States, and suggested that the process at Fukushima would be much more complicated and timeconsuming.

It is also expected to be more costly. A report Saturday in the Yomiuri, a major newspaper, said independent experts believe the process will cost more than 1.5 trillion yen (\$19 billion).

The massive earthquake and tsunami in March triggered meltdowns at three of the plant's

Experts: 30 years 'til Japan

Unit 4 next to them. Officials at Tokyo Electric Power Co., the utility that runs the plant, say they have largely succeeded in cooling the damaged reactors, meeting a goal of completing what is called a "cold shutdown."

But extensive repairs and safety measures must still be carried out. The panel said removal of the fuel rods at Fukushima would not begin until 2021, after the repair of the plant's containment vessels.

As a stopgap measure, one of the damaged units now has an outer shell made of airtight polyester designed to contain radioactive particles inside the building. Similar covers are also planned for other buildings.

Government officials must also deal with a massive decontamination effort in areas around the plant. A 12-mile (20-kilometer) exclusion zone around the facility remains in effect.

While the worst appears to be over, recent discoveries of radiation "hot spots" in and around Tokyo have caused fears among people there, with many concerned parents routinely checking their neighborhoods for radiation. In most cases, the readings have been below internationally accepted annual limits, but critics say that the standard exceeds Japan's cap before the accident and that the government should expand the scope of decontamination.

The magnitude-9.0 earthquake was the strongest to hit Japan on record, and left more than 21,000 people dead or missing. The tsunami that followed engulfed the northeast and wiped out entire towns.

New intelligence indicated that the three terror suspects have been hiding in the heavilyforested Karawan hinterland with about 30 Abu Sayyaf militants, prompting the military to order the assaults, military officials said.

Marines found three assault rifles, a pistol and camouflage uniforms, which were abandoned by the militants, who were being pursued, Cabang-

Marwan, who is believed to have provided bomb-making training and funds to Filipino militants for years, is a key associate of Indonesian militant Umar Patek, who was captured last Jan. 25 in Pakistan's garrison town of Abbottabad, where Osama bin Laden was killed in a highly secretive U.S. commando attack four months later.

Patek, whose real name is

Anis Alawi Jaffar, has hidden since 2003 in Abu Sayyaf jungle encampments in the southern Philippines before he left a few years ago and ended up in Pakistan with his Filipino wife, who was also arrested, military and police officials said.

U.S.-backed Philippine offensives have considerably weakened the Abu Sayyaf, one of at least four Muslim insurgent groups operating in the

south. About 380 of its fighters remain at large in the jungles of Jolo island in Sulu, an impoverished Muslim region about 590 miles (950 kilometers) south of Manila, and in nearby Basilan and outlying islands.

The militants have turned to kidnappings for ransom for survival and are believed to be holding a number of hostages, including an American, two Malaysians, an Indian and a Japanese.



7 BILLIONTH BABY

A newly born baby girl named Danica Camacho, the Philippines' symbolic seven billionth baby, as part of the United Nations' seven billion global population projection, is weighed in government's Fabella Maternity hospital in Manila on Monday Oct. 31, 2011. The Philippines, ranked 12th as the most populated country in the world, joins the rest of the world as it welcomes its symbolic 7 billionth baby in simple ceremony in Manila

Bombings, shootings hit restive southern Thailand

PATTANI, Thailand (AP)— Attackers believed to be Muslim insurgents killed four people and set off a string of homemade bombs Sunday in Thailand's restive south.

Suspected Islamic insurgents have recently been staging coordinated bombings in urban areas of the south, raising the profile of their attacks.

Police Col. Kwandee Chimplee said four suspected insur-

gents riding two motorcycles shot dead two men and a woman at a grocery store in the city of Narathiwat Sunday morning. Another man was shot dead in neighboring Songkhla province by gunmen on a pickup truck..

Suspected militants also detonated homemade bombs at 10 spots in five out of 13 districts in Narathiwat province as evening fell, causing property damage Maj. Gen. Chaitat Intanujit. The targets included grocery stores, shops and residences.

Last Tuesday, suspected Islamic militants detonated homemade bombs across the city of Yala in 23 spots that killed at least three people and wouded 44 people.

Narathiwat, Yala, Pattani and parts of Songkla provinces are the only Muslim-dominated areas but no casualties, said police in Thailand. Nearly 5,000 people sources for relief efforts.

have been killed since an Islamist insurgency erupted in 2004.

Several years ago, the insurgents used to stage occasional hit-and-run raids in cities causing bedlam, but a massive military presence has curbed their ability to mount such assaults. The current attacks come as the government is fighting massive flooding in northern and central Thailand, tying up army re-

Aussie court ends Qantas strike, fleet grounding

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)— Qantas Airways' flight schedule will return to normal by Tuesday after an Australian court intervened in a bitter labor dispute that prompted the world's 10th-largest airline to ground its entire fleet, the company's chief executive said Monday.

Alan Joyce said the first of the grounded aircraft would return to the sky early Monday afternoon, around 12 hours after an emergency ruling by an arbitration court ended weeks of strikes and canceled a staff lockout.

Joyce praised the outcome, which prevents unions from taking any further strike action over

their demands for pay hikes and job security clauses under news contracts being negotiated. The strikes have been blamed for a sharp decline in the airline's future bookings.

"The important thing is that all industrial action is now over and we have certainty," Joyce told reporters in Sydney. "We will be returning to business as usual over the next 24 hours," he said.

The court ruling is a major victory in the airline's battle with unions representing pilots, aircraft mechanics, baggage handlers and caterers, whose rolling strikes have forced the cancellation of 600 flights in recent months, disrupted travel for 70,000 passengers and cost Oantas 70 million Australian dollars (\$75 million).

But the surprise grounding of all 108 planes on Saturday, at a cost of \$20 million a day, has hurt the Australian flagship carrier's reputation among the tens of thousand of passengers who have been stranded around the world.

The stock market, however, welcomed the weekend developments. On the first business day since the grounding, Qantas shares jumped almost 5 percent to AU\$1.62 in early trading in an Australian stock market that opened lower Monday.

Henry Harteveldt, an airline industry analyst in San Francisco, predicts the shutdown will do long-term damage to the Qantas name by hurting its reputation for reliability.

"A lot of travelers won't take a chance and will book away to Virgin Australia, Air New Zealand and other airlines," Harteveldt said. "Brand loyalty in the airline business is very low, and there is so much competition."

Before the court ruling, Virgin Australia said it was scheduling extra flights and offering 20 percent fare discounts to help stranded Qantas passengers through Thursday.

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Libya's PM confirms presence of chemical weapons

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libya's interim prime minister on Sunday confirmed the presence of chemical weapons in Libya and said foreign inspectors would arrive later this week to deal with the issue.

Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril said Libya has no interest in keeping such weapons.

"We would like to assure you that the new Libya will be a peaceful Libya and that it is in our interest to have no weapons in Libya," he told reporters.

Last week, Ian Martin, the top U.N. envoy to Libya, told the U.N. Security Council that undeclared chemical weapons sites have been located

At the time, he also expressed concern over command and control of chemical and nuclear material sites.

Jibril, who has announced his resignation ahead of the formation of a new interim government, did not provide any details about the chemical weapons.

"There are international organizations taking

care of this issue," he said, adding that representatives of those organizations are due to arrive in Libya later in the week.

A Russian-drafted U.N. resolution, to be voted on this week, calls on Libyan authorities to destroy stockpiles of chemical weapons in coordination with international authorities.

Iran parliament to question Ahmadinejad over fraud

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's parliament is set to summon President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for questioning over an economic scandal and his polices after the required number of lawmakers signed a petition Sunday, the latest salvo in a long battle between the president and his rivals.

Ahmadinejad would be the first president to be hauled before the Iranian parliament, a serious blow to his standing in the conflict involving the president, lawmakers and Iran's powerful

At least 73 lawmakers signed the petition to question Ahmadinejad, just above one-quarter of the 290 members required by Iran's constitution to call in a president.

Earlier the parliament found Ahmadinejad's economics minister guilty in relation to a \$2.6 billion fraud case, considered the largest in Iran's history.

This is just one of several economic misconduct cases that target Ahmadinejad allies, evidence that his political struggles are a factor. Ahmadinejad has been wrestling with the parliament and the clergy in the runup to parliamentary elections in March and a presidential election in 2013.

Ahmadinejad has come under increasing attacks in recent



Ahmadinejad

months from the same hard-liners who brought him to power.

Dozens of Ahmadinejad's political backers have been arrested or hounded out of the public eye by hard-line forces in recent months. His protege and top aide, Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei, has been effectively blackballed from his goal of succeeding Ahmadinejad in 2013 elections by a series of reputation-killing accusations.

Britain to allow armed guards to combat sea piracy

LONDON (AP)—Ships sailing under Britain's some perilous routes to combat the threat from pirates, the prime minister said Sunday.

Population milestones

David Cameron said Britain was reversing its larly off Somalia's coast. flag will be permitted to carry armed guards on opposition to the use of weapons aboard ships, amid mounting concern about the risks of vessels and crew being seized by pirates—particu-

World population trend

Cameron's office said the use of weapons on British-flagged ships is banned under firearms laws, but that new rules would be in

place within a month.

Britain's announcement follows the decision in February of the International Chamber of Shipping, the major trade association of ship owners, to support members hiring private security companies to provide protection.

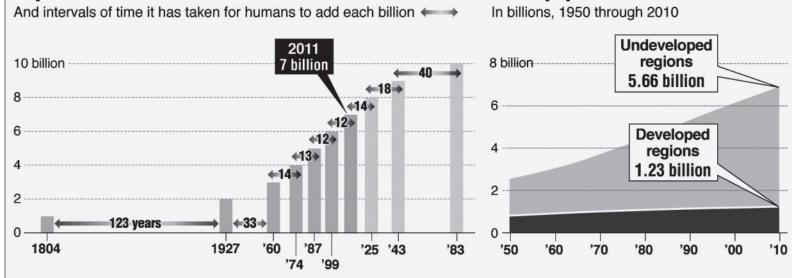
"The evidence is that ships with armed guards don't get attacked, don't get taken for hostage or for ransom, and so we think this is a very important step forward," Cameron told BBC television during a visit to a Commonwealth summit in Australia, where he discussed the issue with leaders from the Seychelles and Mauritius.

Cameron said Britain's interior ministry would issue licenses authorizing the use of armed guards for ships operating off East Africa's coast, in other parts of the Indian Ocean and in the Arabian Sea.

He said the change is intended for commercial vessels, rather than leisure sailors—such as Paul and Rachel Chandler, the British couple held for 388 days by Somali pirates.

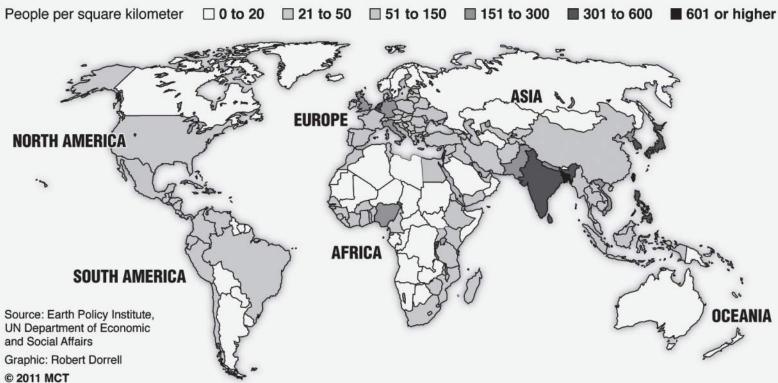
World population to top 7 billion this month

Although the growth rate of the world's total population has slowed from a high point in 1968 of over 2 percent yearly, this year's rate of 1.1 percent means that 78 million people will be added to the globe's population in 2011. Here's a look at growth trends, population milestones and current density by country:



Population density

□ 0 to 20 □ 21 to 50



WORLD BRIEFS

Hamas caught in bind as Gaza violence heats up

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—A new round of violence between Israel and Palestinian militants has Gaza's Hamas rulers caught between reluctance to take on Israel and discomfort with reining in fellow Islamists from smaller, more radical groups involved in the fighting. The fighting has killed 10 Palestinians and an Israeli, casting doubts on assessments that the recent prisoner swap between Israel and Hamas might improve relations between the bitter foes. Despite the worst bloodshed in months, both sides indicated they were interested in restoring calm. Hamas, which has ruled Gaza since 2007, has avoided direct involvement in the latest burst of fighting.

Chavez orders more land taken from British firm

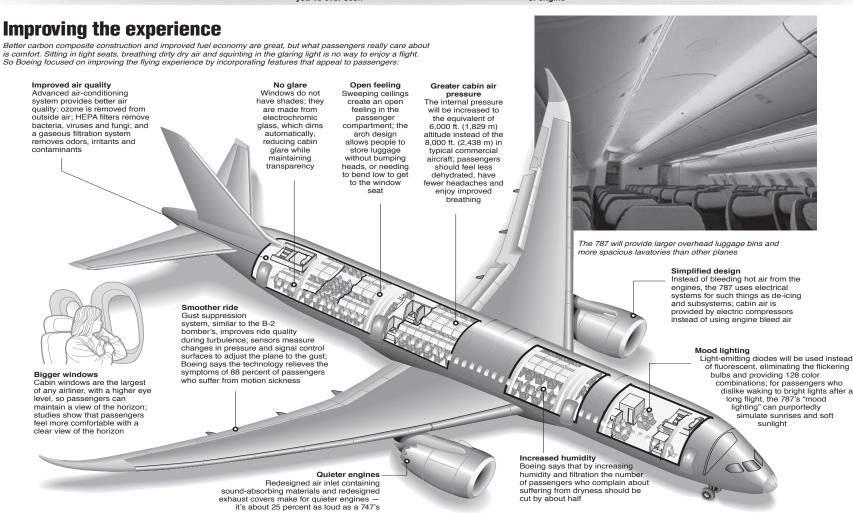
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuela's president on Sunday ordered the expropriation of 716,590 acres belonging to a British-owned company amid a disagreement over compensation for earlier takeovers of ranchland from the firm. President Hugo Chavez announced the latest seizure after saying that Venezuela refuses to pay compensation in foreign currency to Agropecuaria Flora, a local subsidiary of the British company Vestey Group. Chavez said the government had received a demand from the company that it be paid in dollars for the previous seizure of tens of thousands of acres. But the government insists in paying in bolivars, Venezuela's currency.

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Focus





The new showdown

Length

206 ft. (63 m)

18 ft. (5.5 m)

With the 787 selling well, Airbus decided to offer a similar plane and tried a revamped A330, but it did not compare favorably to the 787. In 2006, Airbus announced the A350 — a new plane sized between Boeing's 787 and 777. The A350 is selling well, with more then 550 orders. It will be a formidable competitor to the 787, but it isn't expected to enter service until 2013.

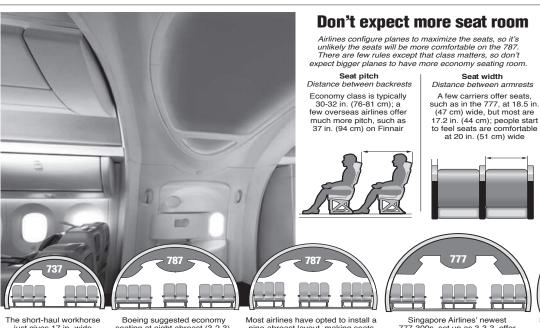
18 ft. 4 in. (5.6 m) Cabin width

219 ft. 5.5 in. (67 m)



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The short-haul workhorse just gives 17-in.-wide (43 cm) seats, while the A320 has 18 in. (46 cm) Boeing suggested economy seating at eight abreast (3-2-3), which provides 18.5-in.-wide (47 cm) seats Most airlines have opted to install a nine-abreast layout, making seats 17.2 in. wide (44 cm), about what is on the 737s Singapore Airlines' newest 777-300s, set up as 3-3-3, offer a luxurious 19-in.-wide (48 cm) seat



Some older 747s with 3-4-3 seating give flyers only a 17-in.-wide (43 cm) seat (typically 16.5 to 18.5 in. / 42 to 47 cm)

— painful on a 10-hour flight

New superjumbo airplane offers a comfy seat up to 18.6 in. (47 cm) wide — impressive compared with the older 747s

Dreamliner completes maiden commercial flight

Boeing 787

OS ANGE-LES—For the first time, Japanese airline All Nippon Airways took to the skies carrying paying passengers aboard the world's first Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

The much-anticipated passenger flight Wednesday last week was a charter trip from Narita, near Tokyo, to Hong Kong that took about four hours.

The 787 Dreamliner is an allnew commercial jetliner that Boeing Co. says is the most advanced, fuel-stingy passenger jet ever made. It features a suite of new technologies, such as the largest windows on a commercial jetliner and the extensive use of strong, lightweight carbon composites rather than sheets of aluminum.

But the new aircraft is more than three years late because of design problems and supplier issues.

The 787 is the first new class of aircraft launched by Boeing since the 777 in 1995. There are 821 orders for the plane from airlines and aircraft leasing firms around the world. On Wednesday's flight, there were about 240 journalists and aviation enthusiasts aboard.

Not only is the event momentous in aviation history, but it's also good for Boeing's business, said Paul Sheridan, head of risk advisory at aviation consulting firm Ascend Worldwide Ltd.

"Airlines are, if anything, even more keen to get their hands on the aircraft," he said. "The advanced technology used in the 787 means that, in spite of the delays, it is still ahead of its time. The size and range of the aircraft offers airlines the ability to open new long-haul routes linking a range of cities that would have been uneconomic with other aircraft types in the market." (Los Angeles Times)

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Overdrive

2012 Infiniti M56: Bold, powerful and good looks too

By BARRY SPYKER

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Behind the wheel of the 2012 Infiniti M56, on a 180-mile trek up the Florida coast, couldn't have been a more pleasurable experience. Yes, there was the cute blonde in the Lexus GS who smiled as she passed on the left, but let us not even go there.

Besides, the M56 and its 5.6liter, 420-hp powerplant could have eaten them for lunch.

The midsize luxury-sport sedan is a terrific value, too, loaded with standard features like navigation system and 10-speaker Bose fascia and dark-finish sound. And new this year on the M56X models is an all-wheeldrive that offers maximum grip for the lousy weather days.

This is a car that last year was completely reconceived inside and out: brash good looks with a chassis that is longer, wider and lower; more comforts inside; and a pair of new enginesboth more powerful yet more efficient than before.

Then they upped the ante on the Sport package, combining the athletic external features, like a more aggressive front

grille, with the sport-tuning package of enhanced suspension and brakes. Four-wheel active steering makes the M56 more nimble on

the corners. From the driver's seat, I love looking at the sloping waves of the hood and fenders.

Some say the M56 is all well and good, but who needs it? The M37 is just fine, they say, and offers plenty of pull with its 3.7liter 330-hp powertrain. Do you really need more?

That's a judgment call, but I

NUTS & BOLTS

Base price: \$59,000 As tested (all-wheel-drive): \$72,500

> say 90 more horses with the 5.6liter of the M56 and 147 more pound-feet of torque offers a very persuasive argument.

> Turn the knob to "Sport" mode and the M56 loves to run and does it with quiet confidence, not the rumbling varoom that is music to some ears but otherscan you spell w-i-f-e?—simply hate. Zero to 60 takes place swiftly in 5 seconds.

Turn to "Eco" mode and improve fuel economy but then the fun factor takes a hit.

EPA estimates put average mileage at 19 mpg combined that's 16 in the city but a decent 25 on the open road.

Loaded with the 4-wheel Active Steer, sport suspension and 20-inch wheels, the rear-wheeldrive M56 takes command on the road and handles admirably. The ride is on the firm side, which is fine for the sport driver but may annoy those seeking daily comfort.

Braking is secure but I was slightly annoyed with a recurring feel of pulsating stops. Maybe it

was just the 7-speed automatic tranny making its way through the downshifts, or an ABS issue.

Magnesium paddle shifters are available on the Sport package, but they're attached close to the column, and I sometimes pinched my fingers when turning the wheel.

But the interior is elegant and refined, highlighted by an unusual Japanese ash wood trim finished with a silvery lacquer. Very nice touch, very original. It adorns the dash and center console, and sweeps around the dash and doors

Infiniti took this interior to the max: Beyond its fabulous look, the fit and finish is simply exquisite.

Seats are of diamond-quilted leather with contrasting trim and are plush and comfortable. A fake-suede headliner nevertheless looks and feels rich.

Legroom is plentiful in front and in the rear, too.

And there's plenty to enjoy in the way of luxury amenities, like 10-way adjustable front seats, Bose Studio Surround system with 10 speakers, Bluetooth, keyless entry and navigation with rear-view monitor.

As is typical with Infiniti products, the navigation and audio systems are simple to operate.

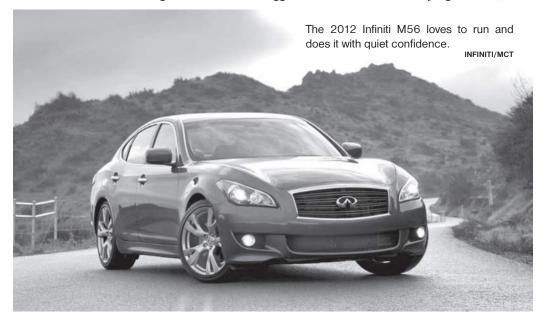
The M56 comes in a wellequipped single trim, if you consider the 37 as a separate animal—and you should.

A "Deluxe Touring Package" offers finer leather inside and 16 speakers in the Bose system, power rear sunshade and an airpurifying Forest Air system. The Sport package adds some aggression, as well as 20-inch tires and sport brakes.

And a technology package enhances safety with lane-departure warning and prevention, forwardcollision warning with brake assist, and blind-spot warning. Standard safety features include ABS, stability and traction control and side-curtain air bags.

If you're stuck on having a Bimmer or Mercedes logo in your driveway, the M56 may sway that desire. If you're looking for a well-built, high-end performer that's a pretty good value, too, the M56 has more standard features than either of those German guys.

I can't promise a pretty lady driving by with a smile, but I can bet she'd be impressed with your ride.



UNDER THE HOOD

Treacherous brakes unnerve driver

By BRAD BERGHOLDT

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UESTION: My wife was driving her 1999 CR-V in city traffic, and when it was necessary to stop she found the brake pedal went to the floor. She swerved, went up on the sidewalk and hit another car, superficially. Before the repair, the CR-V had normal maintenance done with all fluids serviced.

The brakes were inspected by two repair shops afterwards, and neither could duplicate the condition or find anything that could have caused it via inspection. She is now afraid to drive it, as am I. What should be done? She recalls the parking brake may have not have been fully released. Could this have caused the problem?-Bob R.

ANSWER: I can understand your concerns. It's unthinkable to drive the vehicle until the cause is identified and repaired. This is a highly unusual problem, and we will get to the bottom of it.

Your CR-V employs a dual/ diagonal hydraulic braking system with anti-lock enhancement. Dual/diagonal means the system is split into two separate systems to enhance reliability. Should a hydraulic hose or component fail, the driver may lose the function of one front and

one rear wheel's brakes, but the other two would be unaffected. This would still be an alarming situation; the brake pedal would require much greater force—and would sink much lower—to bring the vehicle to a stop. Does your wife recall if the pedal truly sank to the floor, or could it have been part-way and required unanticipated additional effort? Did either the red brake or amber ABS warning light illuminate? During this absolutely unnerving incident, it would be hard for anyone to be certain of the specifics.

Leaving the parking brake partially on could be a factor, as excessive heat would be built up in the rear brakes, which can be transferred to the fluid in both sides of the diagonal system. As brake fluid ages, it attracts moisture, and with sufficient heat, this moisture can boil and vaporize. Vapor can be compressed, unlike normal brake fluid, which could cause the pedal to go to the floor and a loss of brakes. This is a long-shot theory, as the rear brakes, upon inspection, would have likely shown signs of severe overheating.

Your mention of the fluids being previously serviced gives me a creepy feeling. If the brake fluid were thoroughly flushed with approved fluid, this would rule out the previous scenario. If the brake fluid were topped off with an incorrect petroleum-

based fluid, such as power steering fluid or motor oil, that could wreak havoc on the hydraulic system's critical rubber seals. Even a small quantity of incorrect fluid can cause the master cylinder and brake caliper seals to swell and fail, resulting in catastrophic failure.

I recommend taking a sample of brake fluid from the master cylinder reservoir and having it analyzed for contamination. Herguth Laboratories (888-437-4884, www.herguth.com) is a highly respected firm specializing in this service.

Should the fluid be contaminated, replacement of all hydraulic parts containing rubber seals will be required along with a thorough system flushing; the ABS system's many hydraulic nooks and crannies makes this complicated.

If the fluid sample comes up clean, replacement of the master cylinder is the best course of action, as it is the only likely component to cause a full system failure. The ABS system is not a strong suspect, unless a bizarre failure and, most likely, an illuminated ABS warning light had occurred while driving.

Brad Bergholdt is an automotive technology instructor at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, Calif. Readers may send him email at under-the-hood@ earthlink.net; he cannot make personal replies.



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Life & Style

Reba McEntire is happy to be back on tour

By KEVIN C. JOHNSON ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ST. LOUIS—Country music star Reba McEntire says that after doing Broadway, TV, private shows and supporting other superstar acts, she's fully back on her tour game and taking the lead on her "All the Women I Am" trek.

"I haven't had a brand-new stage (show) since the late '90s," said McEntire, who has stayed busy with other projects.

She's on the road promoting "All the Women I Am," her 34th album, which includes the new single "Somebody's Chelsea" and a cover of Beyoncé's "If I Were a Boy."

In an interview, McEntire talked about the album and tour, country music's newest stars, Beyoncé and the tragedy that claimed McEntire's band members 20 years ago.

Q: What's the "All the Women I Am" album all about?

A: When we got through the whole album, we looked at it and there were so many different types of women we were singing about. It just worked out

that way. It wasn't intentional.

Q: Who were these women?

A: They're motherly, feisty, loving, mischievous and taking care of business, but love to have fun. They were all full

Q: Tell us about the new tour.

A: We're looking forward to bringing a show ... that's brandnew, from the staging to the lights, and getting to work with bands like the Band Perry, Steel Magnolia and Edens Edge. We're having a blast with them

Q: How do you even begin to cull together a set list with 34 albums under your belt?

A: It's very hard after that many singles and that many albums. What you're wanting to do is what the audience came to hear, and I want to play my own favorites. I try to mix it up. I don't want to leave out someone's favorite. I've gone back and asked fans what's their favorite and it's always "Fancy."

Q: What is it about "Fancy"?

A: I fell in love with it in 1968 when it was a Bobbie Gentry song. I love the love story as-

pect. It's a Cinderella song, and it's always been my favorite.

Q: What else comes up as fans' favorites in

concert? A: "Is There Life Out There," "I'm a Survivor," "Does He Love You," "Whoever's in New England."

Q: How do your own favorites differ from fan favorites?

A: Those are some of my favorites. But I always love to do 'Turn on the Radio," "Somebody's Chelsea" and "I Want a Cowboy." We have 29 songs in the show, more than ever.

McEntire

Q: What prompted you to record a version of Beyoncé's "If I Were a Boy"?

A: We were doing an unplugged show in Nashville, and they said they wanted me to do four or five of my songs and a cover. It was a good idea. It got so much attention. ... But I was very hesitant about recording that song (at first suggestion). I didn't know what it meant, and I didn't know the words. But I was OK with it.

Q: Sugarland scored big covering Beyoncé's "Irreplaceable." What is it with Beyoncé

songs and country music?

A: I can't answer that. But I think she's a very talented woman, very professional.

Q: What's your take on new country stars like Scotty Mc-**Creery and Lauren**

Alania from "American Idol"?

A: I'm supporting them 100 percent. It's tough getting in this business. I'm their No. 1 cheerleader. I wish the best for all of them. It's a lot different from when I got started. I didn't have a No. 1 record for five or six years. It's a faster-paced business nowadays, without the patience it used to have.

Q: What's your best advice to those singers?

A: Look for the songs. The songs are the most important thing. You've got to find that right thing for you.

Q: What big plans do you have for album No. 35?

A: I don't know yet. I'm still working on this one.

Dylan Walsh of 'Unforgettable' would rather forget PHILADELPHIA—You can remember Africa."

hear traffic in the background as you talk to Dylan Walsh. He's been spending a lot of time lately on the sidewalks of New York City. With a newborn in his apartment, it's almost impossible to carry on an uninterrupted phone conversation inside.

And as the costar of TV's No. 1 new drama, "Unforgettable" (10 p.m. ED Tuesdays, CBS), he spends his workdays pounding the pavement with Poppy Montgomery, solving murders for the NYPD.

The premise of the show, averaging just under 14 million viewers so far this season, is that Montgomery ("Without a Trace") has an absolutely encyclopedic memory. She can remember every detail of every day of her life.

That means that several times an episode, her character, Carrie, freezes in a kind of trance while viewers see her likeness revisiting the scene of the crime, picking up new details.

That leaves Walsh and the rest of the squad in the awkward position of huddling behind her silently, waiting for her to return to the here and now.

"We laugh about it," Walsh says. "What would cops do while she's staring off strangely? Would they just stop and watch her?"

This type of total recall, by the way, while exceedingly rare, does exist. In fact, scientists have identified—how weird is this? sitcom actress Marilu Henner ("Taxi") as one of the handful of people confirmed with "superior autobiographical memory."



Detective Al Burns (Dylan Walsh) investigates the death of a hard-partying heiress whose identity was a lie, on "Unforgettable," which aired Oct. 25 (10:00-11:00, ET/PT) on the CBS Television Network.

Henner is a consultant on "Unforgettable."

set today," says Walsh. "Poppy met with Marilu before the pilot. The rest of us went on faith.

"I was more interested in talking to her husband. Imagine how daunting that must be. She can remember everything that poor man does."

Walsh was hoping to ambush Henner at the start of production, a plan that didn't go so well.

"She and I had met in 1990 while I was doing a show called 'Gabriel's Fire,'" he says. "I couldn't wait to test her on it. But she jumped me before I could even start and rattled off all these minute details about our meeting, half of which I had forgotten."

Ed Redlich, the executive producer of "Unforgettable," terms "Actually she's working on the the condition "a gift and a burden. If you squint at it one way, it's almost a mental illness."

Walsh doesn't think he could cope with it.

"Marilu makes it seem like fun," he says. "But I wouldn't want that ability. I think our selfnarrative requires letting things go. Otherwise it's too much."

Walsh's own narrative has been eventful. His pregnant mother (both parents were in the foreign service) was flown from Addis Ababa to Los Angeles for his birth. Then it was right back to Ethiopia, and many subsequent postings.

"I remember Indonesia and India," he says. "But I don't

Years after the family eventually repatriated in northern Virginia, Dylan's acting aspirations would take him full circle to Los Angeles, where he became a busy TV and film actor.

He's perhaps best known as hectored plastic surgeon Sean McNamara on FX's grotesque guide to vanity, "Nip/ Tuck." It was the fevered brainchild of Ryan Murphy, the producer also responsible for "Glee" and this season's biggest shockfest, "American Horror Story."

The long-running "Nip/ Tuck" was so outrageous and incandescent, Walsh is still trying to escape its shadow.

'You want your series to be successful, so for years you promote it," he says. "Then the last thing you have to do is live it down and move on.

"I'm standing outside on the dewalk now and people are waving at me," he continues. "They're waving at me for 'Nip/ Tuck,' not 'Unforgettable.' That's why I took another series so fast. I want to put it behind me. I need to get Sean McNamara out of my system."

Speaking of cosmetic surgery, Dylan, you look remarkably hale for a 47-year-old. Did you ever ...? He chuckles without mirth, as at a question he's been asked more than once.

"No," he says. "One thing I learned from 'Nip/ Tuck' is that that's not the route to take. I do worry, though, that at some point there's going to be some accelerated catching up."

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Tippling cousin's home is no place for a vacation

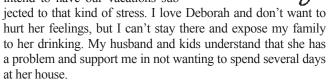
By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: When my family and I visit relatives out of state, we usually spend half the week with one of my cousins and the rest with another. One cousin, "Deborah," has a drinking problem.

Not only is it painful to watch her drink, but I noticed that her husband will hardly look at her or speak to her because he is so angry. They have a young son.

Perhaps this is selfish, but I don't intend to have our vacations sub-



Is there a way to tell her this gently? I believe my other cousin would be happy to have us for the entire week. I don't intend to stay away from Deborah completely; she's always been one of my best friends. What can I do?

STANDING FIRM IN GREEN BAY

DEAR STANDING FIRM: Make other arrangements for lodging this year. And after they are made, have a talk with Deborah's husband and tell him why. Because you are so close to your cousin and you will be there, and because her husband's anger is obvious, it might be an opportune time for an intervention.

Of course, this should be done with the help of a professional who can help Deborah get the treatment she so obviously needs. Her husband should seek guidance from the people at Al-Anon or Alcoholics Anonymous. This will have to be done delicately, and they will know what to do. The websites are www.al-anonfamilygroups.org and www.aa.org

DEAR ABBY: I have seen many letters in your column from men who are conflicted about being attracted to a person other than their spouse.

I handle it by calling it "art appreciation." In a museum you can't touch the art but only admire it from a distance. I, too, enjoy the "view" without getting too close. It has served me well because it allows me to fantasize without getting into trouble.

"MUSEUM-GOER" IN CAMPBELL, CALIF.

DEAR "MUSEUM-GOER": While this technique may work for you, I wouldn't recommend it to everyone because many wives pick up on those "art appreciation" vibes and feel disrespected or threatened when their husbands stare at other women. I remember that this subject has been raised at least once in the Bible. If King David hadn't spent so much time enjoying the view from his rooftop, Bathsheba's husband would have died a natural death.

DEAR ABBY: What do you say if someone who is overweight says she's fat or asks you if she's fat? It's always such an awkward situation, and I usually end up saying, "Of course you're not fat!" I'd like to know if there's a better way of handling this. You always know what to say.

TONGUE-TIED IN FLORIDA

DEAR TONGUE-TIED: If someone who was obese stated that she (or he) was fat, I would either let the comment hang there in silence or I'd say, "What do you intend to do about it?" And if someone with a weight problem asked me if he or she was fat, instead of denying the obvious, I would respond, "What I think isn't nearly as important as what YOU think about that."

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'Puss in Boots' tops box office

NEW YORK (AP)—The "Shrek" spinoff "Puss in Boots" landed on all fours, opening with an estimated \$34 million to lead the box office.

The DreamWorks 3-D animated film, distributed by Paramount Pictures, proved the popular character voiced by Antonio Banderas was a big enough draw outside the "Shrek" franchise.

The PG-rated "Puss in Boots" scored with family audiences on the weekend before Halloween and also drew a large Hispanic crowd, which made up 35 percent of its audience.

Though the box office for the top 12 movies was up 7.8 percent from the corresponding weekend last year, it was still affected by both the unseasonable winter storm on the East Coast and the appeal of the game 7 broadcast of the World Series on Friday night. DreamWorks estimated the storm took off several million dollars from "Puss in Boots."

The new release on the weekend from 20th Century Fox, the Justin Timberlake sci-fi thriller "In Time," was down as much as 20 percent Saturday in markets like New York and Philadelphia.

But the largest estimated opening didn't happen in North America. "The Adventures of Tintin," which is being distrib-



In this Oct. 22, 2011 file photo, Antonio Banderas arrives at the premiere of "Puss In Boots," at The Regency Village Theater in Los Angeles.

where its \$21.5 million was the million in its second week of largest opening for a non-sequel Hollywood film. The film opens

in the U.S. on Dec. 21. "We're still waiting for the holiday season to kick in in earnest as we get into November," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "The holiday season is going to be very strong at the box office."

Paramount also claimed the weekend's second top performing movie with the low-budget horror flick "Paranormal Activity 3." That film took in \$18.5

release, bringing its cumulative total to \$81.3 million. Paramount's "Footloose" was the fourth film on the weekend, adding \$5.4 million for a threeweek total of \$38.4 million.

"In Time" opened with \$12 million domestically but took in more (\$14.5 million) overseas.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Montel Williams: Israel leads in medical marijuana

JERUSALEM (AP)—Emmy Award-winning television personality and patient activist Montel Williams said Sunday he was impressed with Israel's liberal attitude toward medical marijuana, and he believes the U.S. could learn a thing or two from the Jewish state.

Williams was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1999 and he has since been an outspoken advocate of medical marijuana to relieve pain caused by the disease.

The former host of the popular long-running talk show "The Montel Williams Show" is in Israel on a fact-finding mission to learn about its medicinal cannabis practices. He is meeting with legislators, scientists and physicians. At

the height of his TV career, Williams was one of the most recognizable faces in America

"The Rum Diary," \$5 mil-

"Real Steel," \$4.7 million.

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was especially popular in France,

hauled in \$55.8 million.

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alongside fellow daytime TV hosts Oprah Winfrey, Phil Donahue and Geraldo Rivera.

"We need to get out of the dark ages and into the new ages," he told The Associated Press. "Not every pa-

tient can use cannabis, but for those who can—why deny it?"

In Israel, certain doctors can approve cannabis prescriptions and disperse them to patients, said Itay Goor-Aryeh, the head of the pain management unit at the Sheba Medical Center in central Israel.

use is strictly regulated, many doctors prefer prescribing it to patients who qualify because

it is "the lesser of evils."

"Those patients, if they do not get cannabis, they will get morphine-like drugs and other harmful drugs," said Goor-Aryeh. "I think that in many ways, cannabis

is tolerated and is less addictive that morphine-based drugs."

Sixteen U.S. states have decriminalized the use of medical marijuana to some extent. Critics claim dispensaries are often no more than drug trafficking fronts.

Williams said that those He said that while marijuana merely seeking to smoke pot country," referring to Israel.

won't go through the lengthy bureaucratic process when they could just "go down the street."

Williams, 55, said he takes cannabis on a daily basis.

"For me, there is nothing else that can do what it does," he said. "It helps me suppress my pain ... When I am not using cannabis I am thinking about my pain every 45 seconds.'

He said the drug has been "vilified to substantiate the false reason why it was banned in the first place," and that he hoped it would one day become a regular prescription drug.

"There are chemicals within that plant," he said, "and some of the leading science on where and how those chemicals work is being done right here in this

'Field of Dreams' property in eastern Iowa sold

Williams

DYERSVILLE, Iowa (AP)— The sprawling eastern Iowa cornfields made famous by the movie "Field of Dreams" are being sold to a company that will preserve the site's baseball legacy, the owners announced Sunday.

Don and Becky Lansing said they have accepted an offer from Mike and Denise Stillman and their company, Go the Distance Baseball LLC, which will develop the site near Dyersville as a baseball and softball complex. A purchase price was not disclosed.

tain its wholesome allure, and

our success says a lot about our nation's love affair with its national pastime," Becky Lansing said in a statement. "It truly is a special place."

The land has been in Don Lansing's family since 1906. The couple put the property up for sale at \$5.4 million in May 2010. The parcel includes the two-bedroom house, baseball diamond, six other buildings and 193 acres (78 hectares)—mostly cornfields—from the movie.

The film, released in 1989, was based on the book "Shoeless Joe" by W.P. Kinsella and starred Kevin Costner and James Earl Jones. The site has been a popular tourist destination ever since.

The Lansings said earlier this year that they had gotten several inquiries about the site but were committed to finding a buyer that would preserve its legacy.

The Stillmans' plan for the property includes preservation of the existing buildings and development of "All-Star Ballpark Heaven," described as a complex including fields for baseball and softball tournaments and an indoor training facility. Go the Distance plans to offer tournaments for teams of players ages 18 and younger, professional-style training and skills competitions.

"We understand the impact that demographics, market trends and the economy will have on baseball and those who love the game in the next decade," Denise Stillman said. ".. We are thrilled to continue the 'Field of Dreams' legacy."

As for the Lansings, they'll live a few miles (kilometers) away and make visits to the site. "especially in summer when the corn is high. That's when the field is most magical," Don Lansing said.

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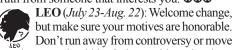
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put your heart into whatever you do. A partnership will bring good results. Sharing responsibilities will help you finish what needs to be done. Aggressive behavior will be taken the wrong way. Use your energy to get things done, rather than argue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Taking on too much will be your downfall. Concentrate on what's most important. What you learn now will help you in the future. A new perspective on what you have to offer and how you can create demand for a service will pay off. 00000



CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be tempted to take a risk. Impulsiveness will cause stress and lead to problems with someone you deal with daily. Social networking will be fun, but don't expect to get the whole truth from someone that interests you.



on when you should be facing problems head-on. Emotions will be difficult to control, but the truth will tell you how to proceed. ���

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Interact with people who share your interests or concerns. Opportunity awaits if you take the advice of someone familiar with your circumstances and abilities. Love is in the stars, and

celebrating will enhance your relationship with someone special. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your head must overrule your heart regarding money matters. Don't let someone else's

debt become your burden. You aren't obligated to grant a favor that demands too much. Scale down enough to manage your own affairs. 😂

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You don't need to use force. You will get what you want by showing interest in others. Altering your image or the way you present what you have to offer will lead to compliments and greater demand for your services.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use your imagination when you explain your

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Ask and you shall receive. A payoff will come to you from an unlikely source. Protect what you have and harness what's being made available. Your gains will help to counteract some of the pitfalls you have been enduring.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It may be difficult, but it's important that you keep a secret. An interesting emotional encounter will help you make sense out of something that happened to you in the past. Don't let resentment stand in the way of something you really want to do. 200

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take part in cultural events or activities that will add to your knowledge. Greater contact with foreigners, institutions or government agencies will help you clear up a situation that has been hanging over your head. Legal and financial

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID WONDERWORD

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would like to announce a position for

Telecommunications Manager for their Saipan office.

The applicant must have prior experience with the installation and upkeep of 2 and 4 wire UNEs, T1s PRIs, XDSL, etc. Must also possess knowledge of PBX systems whether VolP or Traditional. Certifications such as A+, Network+, Security+ and CCNA recommended but not required.

Submit resumes to

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Job Vacancy Announcement (1) Electronic Technician—5 vrs experience \$ 5.05/hr.Must be certified/licensed air-conditioning technician. Knowledgeable in satellite TV System, CCTV camera, entertainment equipment & other electronics equipment—installation and service repair. Interested applicant must contact and submit resume to Langiang L. Barcinas dba Ally Electronics P.O. Box 503534 CK Saipan, MP 96950 Tel. # 287-9968/email-langiangl@hotmail.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

Household Worker (1)

Salary \$ 5.05 per hour. Responsibilities include general household work, cooking, and related tasks. Knows how to operate washing machine, vacuum cleaner and cooking appliances, trustworthy, reliable, and willing to work flexible hours for families and other business clients. Employee must have at least two years experience. Submit resume to: Pete A Consulting, P.O. Box 500042. Saipan MP 96950 no later than Thursday, November 10, 2011. Call for interview: 483-5870

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Ocean View Terraces. Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apts w/private balcony & beautiful view. Rooms w/A/C & Fully Furnished. Back-up Generator. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry Area. Nightime security. 235-6527/28 or 285-1317.

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6 Household Workers \$5.05-\$5.50/ hr. MTO Maintenance (Spn), Inc. email admin@mtosaipan.com tel 7897306

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K's International Corporation is need of 2-Beauticians, 2 years experience required. Please submit resume to PMB 1115 Box 10003, Saipan MP 96950

1Accountant \$5.05-\$12.00/hr. Email joe.c.guerrero@gmail.com. Saint Joseph's Medical tel 2334582

Part time admin. asst. for lonique, accounting and customer service, send resume to bruce@ionique.com

1-Operation Manager (Tour): \$1K -2K/mo. Min. 4 yrs exp. in tour agency mgmt or tour counseling. Korean speaking/writing fluency required. Email resume to hit@ hanmisaipan.com

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1-Dive Shop Attendant. Salary: \$5.05p/h Min. of 5 yrs exp. Must have knowledge of compressor, gear maintenance and boats. Rescue Diver Certification required. Must be able to work flexible hours. Mail resume to S&B, Inc. PO Box 505711, Saipan MP 96950.

1-Operation Manager: \$1,200/mo. Min. 5 yrs exp. as Asst Manager/ Operation Manager in retail (market) req. Email resume to sk@hanmisaipan.com

(1) General Manager, (1) Cook, (1) Waiter, (1) Sewer. High School Graduate. Willing to work flexible hours. Interested applicants may submit resume to SAIPAN FASHION COMPANY. saifacom@gmail.com

(1) Household worker, (1) Cafeteria Food Attendant. Must have knowledge of HACCP procedure in food service. Must have a valid BEH food handler's certificate. No phone calls please. E-mail resume to BARNY'S PIZZA at jimmy@pticom.com

1-Operations Manager. 5yrs exp. Valid driver's license. Japanese speaking preferred. Kwun Kee Company of Saipan, Inc. Call 287-9834

A & C Enterprises is looking for (1) Masseuse - at least 2 years work

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experience (2) Beautician - at least 2 years work experience Interested US Workers may submit resume to jennielyn_cruz2009@yahoo.com

1 Dress Maker w/ 2 yrs experience. Tonette's Dress Shop tel. 2862948. Send resume PO Box 7475 SVRB

CMI General Construction Needs: 22 Construction Workers, 1 Draftsman. 1 Construction Supervisor, 1 Comptroller / Accountant.

Yuujin Store Needs: 3 Cooks/ Food Handler, 1 Salesperson, 1 Accountant.

Email resume to cmi.gencon@ gmail.com

6 Maids/Housekeeping Cleaners, 1 Maintenance Worker. Email saipanmachinery@yahoo.com. SPN MACHINERY, INC.

1-Business Consultant \$5.55/hr, Bachelor's Degree in Economics, min 5 yrs exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Email resume to info@jobmar.com no later than Nov. 9, 2011 JOB MARKET USA CORPORATION

1-Commercial Cleaner and 1-Houseworker Minimum of 1 or 2 yrs work related experience. Interested individuals may contact Ronny's Rental at 235-0001.

(1) Fisherman (Bottom/Trolling/Diving). With 6 mos. Experience • (1) Driver. Must be able to carry heavy coolers of fish. Must be able to work with a flexible schedule. Minimum salary. Send your resume to SMJ Corporation P.O. Box 503944 Saipan MP 96950.

SUNNY PLACE, LLC Vacancy Announcement

1 - Sales Representative. Salary \$5.05 - \$10.00p/h. 2 years working experience. High School Graduate. Proficient in English & Japanese (reading, writing, speaking).

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment

Business. Full time with flexible working hours. Salary \$5.05/hr. Japanese speaking preferred.

At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
2 – 3 years experience as a Singer in a Karaoke Bar or in an Entertainment

RUSTAN'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE SAIPAN

Invites qualified US Citizens to apply for the below position;

Operations Manager (1) - Graduate of a 4 year degree course in Accounting or Business Management. Must have a minimum of 5 years experience and has extensive knowledge in remittance business. The candidate must be knowledgeable in Anti Money Laundering Regulations, business planning & sales. Excellent communication skills, customer service and strong inter personal skills is a must. Must be knowledgeable in remittance software application including MS Word and Excel. Ability to speak Filipino as a 2nd language is an advantage.

Police clearance and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Compensation will be commensurate with qualifications. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to rfesaipan@hotmail.com no later than November 04, 2011.

One (1) Cost Estimator Must be a College

Must be a College Graduate. At least 10 years of work experience. Knowledge in analyzing blueprints and other documentation to prepare time, cost, materials, and labor estimates. Knowledge of design techniques, tools, and principles involved in production of precision technical plans, blueprints, drawings, and models. Knowledge in pregaring estimates for use in models. Knowledge in preparing estimates for use in selecting vendors or subcontractors. Knowledge of assessing cost effectiveness of products, projects of services, tracking actual costs relative to bids as the project develops.

One (1) Project Supervisor

College level. Must have at least 10 years or more experience in construction operations. Knowledge in preparing estimates for proposals. Must have knowledge in structural engineering and architectural design. Proficient in preparing project schedule. Great familiarity with local building by-laws and other regulatory frame work dealing with built environment and remarkable expertise in client servicing.

One (1) Accountant

At least 2-3 years working experience. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other tax requirements FICA, BGRT, EWHT, Bar Tax) Must have knowledge in Peachtree Accounting System software. Handles customer billing, collections, and payments.
Prepares/Computes payroll. Proficiency in administrative and clerical procedures and systems administrative and derivan procedures and systems such as Microsoft Office Word and Excel, managing files and records, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology. Bachelors degree in

Thirty (30) Carpenters/Construction Workers 5 or more years of experience in construction project.

Ability to study specifications in blueprints, sketches, or building plans to prepare project layout and determine dimensions and materials required. • At least 2 y business. Knowledge in shape or cut materials to specified and the tools involved in the construction or repair of houses, buildings, or other structures.

One (1) Heavy Equipment Operator/Mechanic With at least 5 years of the least 5 years of the

With at least 5 years of work experience. Must have a valid driver's license in operating heavy equipment. Must know how to operate and repair H.E. Motors.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT - BIG BELL, INC.

At least 5 years work experience. Knowledge in studying building plans and inspects structures to assess material and equipment needs, to establish the sequence of pipe installations, and to plan installation around obstructions such as electrical wiring. Knowledge of materials, methods, and the tools involved in the construction or repair of bouses. tools involved in the construction or repair of houses, buildings, or other structures.

One (1) Garbage Collector/Driver With at least 5 years of work experience. Must have

a valid driver's license. Must know how to drive packet type truck, dump truck or truck equipped with hydraulic lifting device to collect garbage and trash and transport load to disposal area.

One (1) Restaurant Operations Manager

Knowledge in overseeing activities in restaurant business. Manage staff, preparing work schedules and assigning specific duties. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services,

One (1) Assistant Restaurant Operations Manager

At least 5 years work experience in restaurant business. Able to converse in Japanese and Korean. Assist the restaurant manager in planning, directing and coordinating activities of an organization or department that serves food and beverages

Three (3) Cooks

At least 5 years experience in cooking dishes in a restaurant. Knowledge in Korean and Japanese food preparation. Must have a good quality technique in food preparation. Korean and Japanese speaking preferred.

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At least 2 years working experience in a restaurant
business. Knowledgeable in using cash registers.
Knowledge of principles and processes for providing
customer and personal services. Preferably Chinese
and Korean speaking

Flexible hours required. Must possess a good moral character and be able to follow food preparation standards. Able to help the cook and perform duties of lesser skill, such as supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work areas and equipment. Chinese and Korean speaking is preferred.

Email resume at bigbel@pticom.com or bring personally at Koblerville, P.O. Box 5423 CHRB. Sainan MP 96950. Phone calls will not be entertained.

Job Vacancy Announcement

JAPAN ENTERPRISES CORP. DBA

- CLOB MICRONESIA

 Dalfications:
 At least 21 25 years old with pleasing personality.
 2 3 years in Dancing experience especially Cultural and Variety Dance Skills.
 Full time with flexible working hours
 Salary \$5.05/hr.
 Japanese speaking preferred.

10 WAITRESS

- At least 21 25 years old with pleasing sona**l**itv.
- 2 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business. Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary \$5.05/hr. Japanese speaking preferred.

Please mail your resume to P.O. Box 502589 Saipan, MP 96950 or Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

LSG

Sky Chefs

Counter Attendant

Delivery Driver

Sanitation Worker

Food Server/Kitchen Helper

Social security card, passport or birth certificate.

American Red Cross and the Historic Preservation Office.

Cook and Cook Helper

Job Vacancy Announcement 1-Farmer

Call 235-6397

High School Graduate or equivalent with at least 5 years of work experience in farm related work. Plant vegetables, fruits, and trees; keep plants stay fresh; water plants and feed animals such as pigs, cows and chickens. Must be flexible and willing to reside at the farm of the employer or place of employer. Must know how to use and operate farm equipment such as lawn mower, bush cutter or tiller Salary: \$5.05 per hour (house not included).

If you are interested, please submit your resume or Bio-data. Contact Jun Cabrera Consulting Services at 285-0028.

PACIFIC HISTORIC PARKS AT AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK Store Manager

Extensive retail experience in a Supervisory position. Computer Skills in Office, Excel, PP and retail Software. Schedules, trains, motivates, report writing. Exceptional detail skills. Math, people, safety skills. Knowledge of Labor laws of CNMI. Multiple languages preferred. Flexible days and hours but must be willing to work all days Monday thru Sunday. Reliable transportation, reimburseable mileage for Work. Send resume and cover letter explaining your above skills to:

Cindy Rapadas Regional Manager Pacific Historic Parks 135 Murray Street Hagatna, Guam 96910

No phone calls please.

5 SINGERS

GENERAL MANAGER

3 - 4 years work experience. College graduate or college level with

for the operation.

Has excellent sales and marketing executions.
Ability to control profit & loss with business

Salary \$7.00/hr

Jaintcations:
At least 3 – 5 years experience.
Full time with flexible working hours.
Salary \$5.05/hr.
Japanese speaking preferred.

• 3 – 5 years work experience in Bar/Night Club

Salary \$5.05/hr.

Business.
Full time with flexible working hours.
Salary \$5.05/hr.
Japanese speaking preferred.

PMB 697 BOX 10000 Saipan, MP 96950 Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

Asia Pacific Hotels Inc., dba Saipan Grand Hotel JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

LSG Sky Chefs is seeking for the following positions to establish a list:

Interested applicants must submit a court and traffic clearances, picture

identification (i.e. driver's license or mayor's office picture identification),

located at the Tun Herman Pan Road and situated between the

(1) PowerHouse Mechanic (Power Plant) POSITION:

QUALIFICATIONS: Able to diagnose, installs, adjusts, maintains, and repairs electrical and mechanical equipment and parts in powerplant generating systems. Minimum 5 years work experience required. High School graduate or equivalent.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than

November 02, 2011. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment

Saipan Grand Hotel, Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

JAGUAR LIMITED DBA. CLUB MERMAID 15 WAITRESS At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.

Management Course.
Responsible for establishing goals & objectives

1 BARTENDER

Preferably College Graduate or College level. Full time with flexible working hours.

P.O. BOX 500338 SAIPAN, MP 96950-0338 TEL: (670) 234-6495 to 98 • FAX (670) 237-2529

AFADAI BEACA ADTEL

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Close Date: November 3, 2011 Open Date: October 25, 2011

> Position: (3) Cleaner, Housekeeping **Salary:** \$5.05 per hour

Job Qualification: High School Graduate. Two Years Experience

For more information you may contact Mr. Juan I Tenorio, Manager for Human Resources Department at (670) 234-6495 ext. 5840/2. Employment application forms are available at

Hafadai Beach Hotel, Human Resource Department. AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

8 - Construction Worker

Minimum of 5 years. Experience in building maintenance/repair to include electrical, plumbing (including motors and pumps), carpentry, car boat repair and painting job. Willing to work flexible time.\$ 5.05 per hour.

Bespren Development Corp. dba Five Star Builders Construction Please submit resume or contact Rudy at 233-6927

1 - Electrician. Minimum of 5 years experience. Must speak English and Korean. Have certificate of training as Electrician, must provide own car, flexible hrs incl. evenings, weekend & holidays. \$5.05/hr. Send resume to cnmiapt@gmail.com

KP Ent., Inc. dba KP Video Production needs:

1 - Video Operator, rate \$5.05 to \$5.55/hr.

Must have 5 years experience in video footage & editing using professional video cam, high school graduate, to work flexible hours, Monday to Sunday in Tinian. Interested applicants may submit resume to KP Store @ HuangShun Bldg., San Jose, Tinian or

Job Vacancy Announcement PACIFIC CHANGHONG CORPORATION

(1) Office Manager, (1) Sales Manager & (2) Aircon Technician

knowledge in HVAC & Refrigeration requirements (qualifications.

Interested applicants may submit application to linyongspn@hotmail.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Mason: 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE - \$5.05/HR

(2) Carpenters: 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE - \$5.05/HR (2) Waitress: 3 YEARS EXPERIENCE - \$5.05/HR Interested applicants must contact and submit resume

to RPCF, INC P.O. Box 504549 Saipan, 96950 Tel#: 234-9127 • e-mail-brian@pticom.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

3 - GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Qualifications:

• At least 2 – 3 years experience in a Commercial Building Maintenance. Preferably in Carpentry and Masonry. • Salary \$5.05/hr

mail your resume to PMB 654 Box 10000 Saipan, MP 9695 Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

Job Announcement

Administrative Assistant/Church Clerk

Qualifications:

- With Christian education course & understand the ministry of the Sunday school At least 2 years experience in record keeping and correspondence of the church
- Must have administrative ability and be in complete agreement with the doctrine an policy of
- the Marianas Baptist Church

Interested applicants must submit resume to: Marianas Baptist Church, Dandan, Saipan 96950

Job Vacancy **Announcement**

1 - Maintenance Worker

Salary: \$5.05 per hour.

Interested individuals may contact Debra Camacho at 235-3627

THERESITA P. MAFNAS P.O. Box 501525, Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel#. 286-4004

CARLOS GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES/DVA CATERING

(3) COOK – WITH 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

(8) Helper – with 2 years experience, high school graduate

Contact Ms. Jenny Borja - Admin at 788-1401

Ms. Fe Cabrera - Owner

I - Property Manager. Minimum of 5

years experience. Must speak English

and Korean. Have knowledge of Gen.

Construction and small appliances.

must have own transportation, flexible

hrs for night, weekend & holidays.

\$1,200.00 per month. Send resume

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-COMMERCIAL CLEANER - \$ 5.05/hr, 5 yrs.

Experience Cleaning residential, Trustworthiness and

If interested send resume and copy of police clearance to

Job Vacancy Announcement

to cnmiapt@gmail.com

reliability important.

Operations Manager nterested qualified US workers may fax, email, or submit in person a resume and police clearance.

Any applicant selected for these positions are required to take an s a drug test screening prior to employment at applicant's cos Application deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, 4:00 p.m ACIFIC DAIKEN CO., LTD. • PO Box 501042, Saipan, MP 9695C Tel: 234-7453 / Fax: 234-7996 • bern.ito@pacificdaiken.com

- Cook. Min. of 5 years experience. Must be able to cook Chinese & Korean food. Must speak English, Korean and some Chinese preferred. Needs own car and housing. Must Experience in buying food and supplies.

Send resume to sylviacnmi@gmail.com

1 - Office Manager. Min. of 5 years experience & knowledge in Internet, MS Words/Excel. Needs to speak & write in English, Korean & Chinese. Must provide own car. 4 yrs. College Degree. Must be able to work even on weekends. Green card or US. Citizen preferred. \$ 5.05/hr.

Send resume to sylviacnmi@gmail.com

PKCL ENTERPRISES DBA APARTMENT RENTAL

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Building Maintenance Repairer (1): High experience in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting, masonry and various other nstruction and repair work

Commercial Cleaner (1): High School Graduate or equivalent, 5 years work experience in cleaning apartment building, dust & mop, polish floor & furniture. Must be honest & ustworthy, work flexible hours.

Farmer (1): 5 years work experience in ground maintenance & landscaping, brush cutting, & general cleaning. Hardworking & trustworthy, ork flexible hours.

Send resume to PKCL ENTERPRISES. P.O. BOX 501957, Saipan MP 96950

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Job Vacancy Announcement

2-CATV PLANT-RROAD BAND TECHNICIAN 1-CATV PLANT HEADEND/BENCH TECHNICAN

Interested applicants may submit your application to CNMI Cable Vision, LLC. PO Box 501298, Saipan, MP 96950.

Tel. 235-4628 or email mcv.service@saipan.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Sales Associate w/3 yrs work experience in cashiering and previous retail experience preferred. Be able to perform duties with minimum supervision; and be able to work irregular hours, such as shifts, holiday and weekends. Candidate must be knowledgeable in accounting basics and POS system. Ability to speal and understand a foreign language in addition to English is most desirable. Submit resume to napagahes@gmail.com.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-Commerncial Cleaner 1-Maintenance Repairer

If interested, send resume and police clearance to Fruitful, Inc. P.O. Box 5061 CHRB Saipan MP 96950. Tel. # 989-3827

Herbarium Farmer. Salary \$ 300 - \$ 500.00/mo. w/ housing, utilities, food allowance, ground transportation and worker's compensation insurance provided, 5 Years experience in growing herbs and Masclum leaves. Must be able to operate farm machinery. Please submit bio-data, resume, police clearance and other supporting documents via email. happydaysaipan@hotmail.com. Closing date is November 4, 2011.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Opening Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 Closing Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2011

JVA No.	Title	Location	Salary	Positions
11-058	Stipulated Order II Project Coordinator	Saipan	\$50,000 to \$74,989	One
11-059	Assistant Engineer (Electrical)	Power Plant, Rota	\$23,200 to \$33,640	One
11-060	Assistant Engineer (Mechanical)	Power Generation, Saipan	\$23,200 to \$33,640	One
11-061	Trades Technician (Mechanic)	Power Plant, Rota	\$17,282 to \$25,059	One
11-062	Trades Technician (Mechanic)	Power Generation, Saipan	\$17,282 to \$25,059	Thirteen
11-063	Trades Technician (Electrical)	Power Generation, Saipan	\$17,282 to \$25,059	Five
11-064	Trades Technician (Operator)	Power Generation, Saipan	\$17,282 to \$25,059	Four
11-065	Trades Foreperson (Mechanic)	Power Generation, Saipan	\$21,104 to \$30,601	One
11-066	Trades Foreperson (Electrical)	Power Generation, Saipan	\$21,104 to \$30,601	One

For more information on the vacancies, stop by the CUC Human Resource Office or the Tinian or Rota Administration Office.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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P. O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950-1220 U.S.A. • Tel. Nos. (670) 235-7025 to 32 • Fax. (670) 235-5131



Carrier Guam, Inc. is looking for

PROJECT ENGINEER

Job Description:

- Team leader for Carrier Saipan branch operations.
 - Responsible in making decisiond regarding normal or routine transactions under the guidance and approval of the Manager in accordance with Carrier Corporation policies and procedures
- Reports to the Branch Manager on carrier Saipan operations
- Directs support to off-shore dealer's accounts; attends to HVAC system inquiries; sales or technical issues, accessories and parts from customers Offshore (Japan, and Diego Garcia; prepares estimates and quotations)
- Attends to HVAC inquiries in the CNMI including FAS Marshalls Islands, Palau
- Does other related jobs as required by the Manager.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree preferably in Mechanical Engineering.
- Knowledge and background of HVAC Systems
- Minimum of 3-5 years experience in installation, supervision and design of HVAC Systtems and Equipment.
- Knowledgeable in Computer HVAC Builder Programs.
- Knowledge or background in SAP applications

REFRIGERATION & AIR CON TECHNICIAN

Job Description

- Performs services and Preventive Maintenance on industrial, commercial and residential air conditioning & refrigeration system including AC units with Building Management System (BMS), AC units with Variable Volume and Temperature (VVT).
- Performs troubleshooting and repair of various types of airconditioning and refrigeration systems.
- Performs installation, start-up, testing and commissioning of various Air Conditioning equipments.
- Prepares estimate & quotation for the supply of Residential and Light Commercial Airconditioning.
- Prepares estimate and quotation for repair works, including equipment and/or parts replacement. Coordinates with customers to meet their preliminary requiremets on installation of equipment.

Qualifications

- Must have EPA Universal license.
- Preferably knowledgeable in HVAC troubleshooting and repairs, installation, commissioning and preventive maintenance, with minimum work experience of 3-5 years or related equivalent.
- Preferably with experience in the start-up and commissioning of Chillers
- Knowleadgeable in MS Word and MS excel.
- Must be a graduate of 2-year vocational course on Refrigeration and Airconditioning or its equivalent

ACCOUNTANT

Job Description:

Finance & Accounting, Controls & Compliance:

- Responsible for the daily accounting, reporting, finance and tax and regulatory compliance of the branch.
- Provides financial information and reports of the branch as required by management.
- Maintains company's ledgers; reconcile various GL account analysis and ensure accurate recording of transactions.
- Does audit function of petty cash fund; verifies the accuracy of the charges and reports to Guam office
- Performs annual physical inventory count of the branch.
- Prepares payment vouchers for branch and other related disbursement activities.
- Maintain records of fixed assets including any acquisition, deletions.

 Prepare journal vouchers for as required and other adjustments as may deem necessary
- Ensures compliance of accounting controls and procedures in compliance with UTC/ Carrier Finance policies and
- Ensures compliance of CNMI rules and regulations including business tax returns, license, occupancy and zoning and other related regulatory requirements.
- Performs other accounting functions as may deem necessary.

Credit /Collections

- Performs as credit controller of the branch.
- · Follow up customer payments; reviews aging report and coordinate with customers in the expeditious settlement of their
- Send statement of accounts and resolve any outstanding amount of customers.
- Prepares receiving vouchers for all customer payments received for the period; forward documents to Guam for booking. Perform annual credit review of all Saipan customers.

Sales Support:

- Prepares weekly and monthly sales report for Forecast Package.
- Monitor daily sales report; verifies the postings of correct codes; ensure prompt reporting of any adjustments.
- Verifies all cash sales from store and service departments.
- Process goods received notes for all incoming shipments; indent and regular stocks including the related costs.
- Process credit notes for any adjustments, price discrepancy returns and other related transactions as required.
- Prepares sales ledger adjustments to reconcile with the sales ledger account. Administrative Support:
 - Responsible in reporting any IT issues and concerns at branch
 - Promotes and strengthens ACE program of the branch.
 Ensures compliance of EH & S issues in accordance with UTC Safely Rules and Policies.
 - Performs as Human Resource Coordinator and administrative officer of the branch

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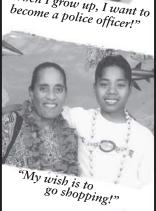
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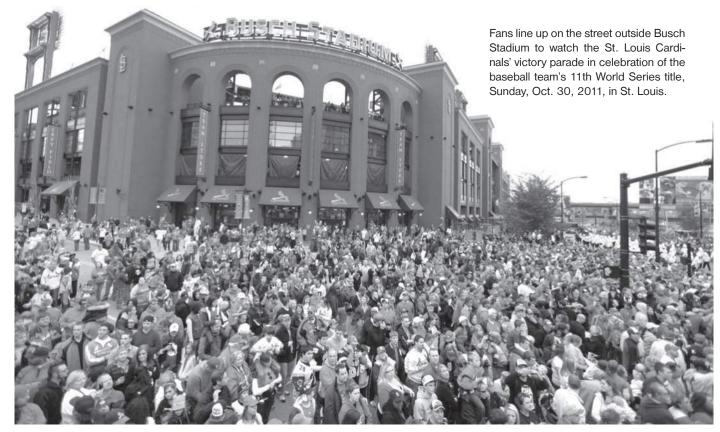
jammed downtown St. Louis on Sunday to honor the World Series champion Cardinals and send a clear message to Albert Pujols: Please stay.

An official crowd estimate was not immediately available for the parade down the streets of St. Louis and the celebration at Busch Stadium, but city officials expected several hundred thousand, and it was clearly that, if not more. The crowd was so large that people were parking more than two miles away, and interstate highways were jammed near downtown.

Pujols drew loud cheers along the parade route and a long standing ovation at the stadium. When asked on the podium if he'd like to be back for another celebration next season, he smiled sheepishly and said, "Hey, why not?"

Whether that happens remains to be seen. After 11 Hall of Fame seasons as a Cardinal, Pujols is a free agent for the first time and it isn't clear if the midmarket Cardinals will be able or willing to give a long-term contract to a player who turns 32 before next season, despite his career .328 average, 455 homers and status as a team icon.

Pujols' pending free agency and a chilly, breezy and overcast afternoon did nothing to dampen the celebratory spirit. People began staking out the good spots many hours before



the parade, climbed trees and leaned out office windows for better views. Nearly everyone was dressed in red except for a few in Rams blue who made the short walk from the Edward Jones Dome after the football game. Even the Rams added to the joy of the day, beating New Orleans 31-21 for their first win after an 0-6 start.

High school marching bands played along the parade route. Vendors sold hot dogs and peanuts. Fathers and mothers hoisted small children on their shoulders to wave at the passing red and white pickup trucks carrying Cardinals past - Lou Brock, Red Schoendienst - and present. The biggest cheers appeared to be for Pujols, Lance Berkman, Yadier Molina, Chris Carpenter and postseason hero David Freese, who was Most Valuable Player in both the NL championship series and the World Series.

Freese, a native of St. Louis County, recalled sitting in a California Burger King in December 2007 when "I got the greatest phone call of my life, that I had been traded to the St. Louis Cardinals."

Manager Tony La Russa led the parade atop a beer wagon pulled by the Budweiser Clydesdales, followed by a truck carrying owner Bill DeWitt Jr. clinging to the World Series trophy.

The parade ended inside Busch Stadium, where a soldout crowd watched the celebration. In fact, the ballpark rally sold out in 90 minutes after the Cardinals won the clincher.

"This 11th Cardinals world

championship will always be remembered as one of baseball's greatest achievements," DeWitt said, noting the Cardinals had to win four elimination games this postseason.

La Russa, too, paid respect to his team for never surrendering, even when 10 1/2 games out wild-card contention on Aug. 25, or when they faced three postseason opponents with superior records - Philadelphia, Milwaukee and Texas.

"What these guys did so many times facing elimination, it's a lesson for all of us," La Russa said. "They never quit."

The celebration was the culmination of a four-day party in St. Louis that began with the stunning win in Game 6, when the Cardinals rallied five times and in two straight innings were within a strike from elimination before Freese won the game 10-9 with a leadoff homer in the 11th.

Friday's 6-2 win in Game 7 set off a frenzied celebration that lasted well into Saturday.

Players appreciated the response from the fans.

"I'll never forget any of this," outfielder Allen Craig, who hit three homers in the World Series, said. "It's been great."

Fans said they were still jubilant about the team's amazing turnaround.

"It just seemed improbable," said Chris Ambrose, 24, of Chesterfield, as he watched the parade. "It's one of the greatest World Series runs of all time."

Jenny Ulrich and her husband, Jeff, of Lonedell, Mo., brought their two young daughters to the parade.

The Cardinals "are just part of what our family does," Ulrich said. Pointing to the girls, "they're the next generation of Cardinals Nation."

Mayor Francis Slay called Sunday's celebration "unbelievable."

"The Cardinals fans are the best in baseball and when the Cardinals win the World Series, there's nothing like it," Slay said.

Yankees make offer to Sabathia



N E W Y O R K (AP)—The Y a n k e e s have made

a contract offer to ace CC Sabathia, who has until Monday to decide whether to opt out of the \$92 million and four years remaining on his current deal.

The offer was made over the weekend, the person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity because no details were announced.

Sabathia agreed to a \$161 million, seven-year contract before the 2009 season and has gone 59-23 with a 3.18 ERA during the regular season for New York.

If he opts out, which is expected, the 31-year-old left-hander would become the top pitcher on the free-agent market.

This year's free agents are headed by Albert Pujols, Prince Fielder, Jose Reyes, C.J. Wilson, Edwin Jackson and Mark Buehrle.

Milwaukee reliever Francisco Rodriguez also was among the 148 players who became free.

K-Rod's deal was reworked when he was traded from the

New York Mets during the All-Star break, changing it to a mutual option from a \$17.5 million option that would have become guaranteed had he finished 55 games. Rodriguez, used as a setup man by the Brewers, gets a \$4 million buyout, up from the original \$3.5 million. According to the reworking of the option, it would only have come into effect if he met the 55 games finished requirement, and he fell 32 short.

In addition, the Brewers declined a \$6 million club option on shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt, who gets a \$2 million buyout.

Others whose options were declined included Atlanta outfielder Nate McLouth; Colorado right-hander Aaron Cook; and the San Diego trio of right-handers Aaron Harang and Chad Qualls, and outfielder Brad Hawpe.

The Cubs exercised their side of a \$16 million mutual contract option on third baseman Aramis Ramirez, who has informed the team that he will decline his side of the option and become a free agent. He has until Tuesday night to make that decision official. The 33-year-old Ramirez,

New York Mets during the who joined the Cubs in a 2003 All-Star break, changing it to a mutual option from a \$17.5 .306 with 26 homers and 93

RBIs last season.

McLouth receives a \$1.25 million buyout rather than a \$10.65 million salary for next year under the contract he

signed with Pittsburgh before the 2009 season.

Cook had an \$11,125,000 player option, but the Rockies then had the chance to decline it

and pay a \$500,000 buyout.

Harang declined his \$5 million player option but does not get a \$500,000 buyout because he fell 14 1-3 innings short of the 185 specified in his contract. San Diego declined a \$6 million option on Qualls, who gets a \$1.05 million buyout.

Hawpe gets a \$1 million buyout rather than a \$6 million salary after his mutual option was declined by the Padres.

Pitcher Javier Lopez agreed to an \$8.5 million, two-year contract with the San Francisco Giants rather than become a free agent. The Giants exercised a \$5 million club option on fellow left-hander Jeremy Affeldt rather than pay a \$500,000 buyout.

Boston exercised a \$6 million option on shortstop Marco Scutaro, who turned 36 Sunday.

Teams and players have until the end of Sunday to decide on the first half of mutual options. Waiting for decisions were Arizona's Henry Blanco, Willie Bloomquist and Zach Duke; the Chicago Cubs' Aramis Ramirez and Colorado's Jason Giambi.

Decisions on club and player options must be made by the end of Monday. Free agents can start signing with teams Thursday.

MLB squad arrives in Taiwan for five-game series

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—An All-Star team of major leaguers led by New York Yankees stars Robinson Cano and Curtis Granderson arrived in Taiwan on Sunday, less than 48 hours after the St. Louis Cardinals won Game 7 of a scintillating World Series.

The MLB All-Stars will play five games this week against a Taiwanese team that includes Washington Nationals pitcher Chien-Ming Wang, one of two Taiwanese now pitching in the majors.

Other members of the MLB squad include Pablo Sandoval of the San Francisco Giants and a pitching staff of Bill Bray, Ross Detwiler, Dillon Gee, Collin Balester Jeremy Guthrie, Mark Melancon, and Jose Veras.

Also on the team are catchers Drew Butera and Jeff Mathis; infielders Erick Aybar, Michael Morse, Ryan Roberts and Danny Valencia; and outfielders Emilio Bonifacio, and

Logan Morrison.

The series against the Taiwanese offers MLB a chance to nurture its brand in Asia, where the sport is widely popular in Japan and this island 100 miles off the China coast.

"It's an honor for us to be here," said Jim Small, vice president of MLB Asia. "Baseball is such an important culture in Taiwan"

Baseball has been the island's leading sport at least since 1969, when a Taiwanese squad won the Little League World Series in the U.S.

That came some 60 years after colonial master Japan first introduced baseball to the island, mainly as a recreational activity for its resident administrators. The Taiwanese themselves took up the sport in the 1920s.

Despite a series of gamefixing scandals that have progressively whittled down the number of teams in its one professional league, baseball remains hugely popular on the island of 23 million people. MLB games—many featuring the Yankees—are broadcast live during the season, and fans closely follow the Taiwanese teams in international competitions.

The Taiwanese squad took the silver medal at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, and finished fifth at the 2004 games in Athens. In 2008, however, it stumbled badly in Beijing, even managing to lose to China, where baseball is still in its infancy.

This week's series of games—one in suburban Taipei and two each in the central city of Taichung and the southern city of Kaohsiung—mark MLB's second recent appearance on the island.

In March 2010 manager Joe Torre led a Los Angeles Dodgers team that included Manny Ramirez and James Loney for a rain-truncated two game series. Taiwan-born pitcher Hong-Chih Kuo is now on the Dodgers roster.

Big Ben goes for 365, Steelers top Patriots



PITTSBURGH (AP)— Ben Roethlisberger passed for 365 yards and two touchdowns as the Pittsburgh Steelers finally found a way to beat Tom Brady and the New

England Patriots 25-17 on Sunday.

Roethlisberger completed 36 of 50 passes and led the Steelers (6-2) on a series of clock-chewing drives, effectively keeping Brady and the NFL's top-ranked offense off the field. Pittsburgh held the ball for more than 39 minutes and survived a late rally to win its fourth straight following a 2-2 start.

Brady passed for two touchdowns but threw for a season-low 198 yards and couldn't get into any sort of rhythm while losing to the Steelers for just the second time in his career.

The Patriots (5-2) drew within six when Brady hit Aaron Hernandezfor a 1-yard touchdown pass with 2:35 remaining, but a last-gasp drive ended when Brady was sacked and the ball rolled out of the end zone for a safety with 8 seconds to play.

Rams 31, Saints 21

In St. Louis, Steven Jackson scored two touchdowns and had his first 100-yard rushing game in three seasons.

The first win for the Rams (1-6) came two days after the St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series, with manager Tony La Russa and several of his players showing up to support the city's football team.

Drew Brees barely kept alive his touchdown pass streak in the final seconds a week after throwing five TDs in a 62-7 rout of the Colts. Brees was intercepted twice, with Darian Stewart's pick and 27-yard return putting the game away with 2:51 to go.

The NFC South-leading Saints (5-3) average an NFL-best 35 points but never got going against a defense ranked near the bottom of the league. The Rams had a season-high six sacks after entering the game with just 11.

Ravens 30, Cardinals 27

In Baltimore, Billy Cundiff kicked a 25-yard field goal as time expired, Ray Rice scored a career-high three touchdowns, and Baltimore pulled off the biggest comeback in Ravens history.

Using a fumble recovery and an 82yard punt return by Patrick Peterson, Arizona scored three touchdowns during a five-minute span of the second quarter to take a 24-3 lead.

Baltimore (5-2) then went on a 24point run and moved in front 27-24 when Rice scored his third touchdown on the opening play of the fourth quarter.

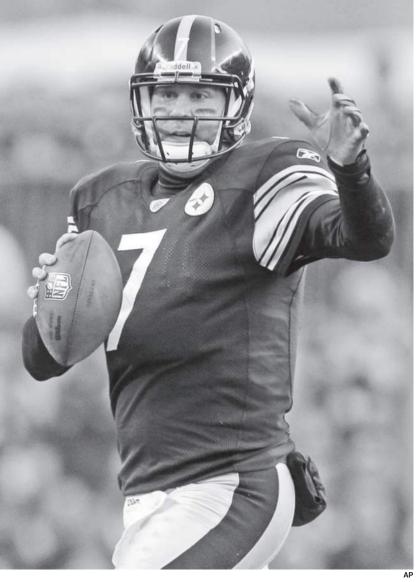
Arizona (1-6) pulled even with a 45-yard field goal by Jay Feely with 8:55 left, but the Ravens won it with a 37-yard, beat-the-clock drive in the final minute.

Eagles 34, Cowboys 7

In Philadelphia, Michael Vick threw two touchdown passes, LeSean Mc-Coy had a career-best 185 yards rushing and two scores and Philadelphia routed Dallas.

The Eagles (3-4) dominated right from the start, improved to 13-0 after a bye under coach Andy Reid and snapped a five-game losing streak at Lincoln Financial Field that dated to

The Eagles racked up 495 total yards and held the ball for 42:09. They thor-



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger looks to pass against the New England Patriots during the second quarter of an NFL football game in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011.

oughly outplayed a defense that came in ranked seventh in the NFL.

DeMarcus Ware was one of the few players who played well for Dallas (3-4). He had four sacks, and has 12

Coming off a 253-yard rushing performance in a win over St. Louis, Cowboys rookie DeMarco Murray was held to 74 yards on only eight carries.

Vikings 24, Panthers 21

In Charlotte, Ryan Longwell kicked a 31-yard field goal with 2:43 left, and Carolina's Olindo Mare missed from the same distance with 26 seconds left that would have tied it.

Cam Newton put the Panthers (2-6) in position with a 44-yard completion to Brandon LaFell on fourth-and-15, but Mare's kick was wide left and Minnesota (2-6) came away with the win.

Adrian Peterson had 162 yards from scrimmage and scored two touchdowns for the Vikings.

Christian Ponder won the battle of rookie quarterbacks, completing 18 of 28 passes for 236 yards and one touchdown

Newton threw a season-best three TD passes, but had two costly fumbles on blindside hits that led to a pair of Minnesota touchdowns in the first half.

Giants 20, Dolphins 17

In East Rutherford, Eli Manning threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Victor Cruz with 5:58 to play to keep Miami winless and perhaps put more pressure on embattled Dolphins coach Tony

Manning hit 31 of 45 passes for 345 yards and two touchdowns in rallying the Giants from an 11-point first-half deficit. Mario Manningham caught the

other touchdown, a 7-yard play which got New York (5-2) back into the game late in the first half.

Lawrence Tynes kicked two short field goals, and New York's defense got four sacks on the Dolphins' final two drives. Corey Webster iced it game with his third interception in the last

Steve Slaton and Matt Moore (13 of 22 for 138) capped the Dolphins' (0-7) first two drives with 1-yard runs.

Titans 27, Colts 10

In Nashville, Matt Hasselbeck threw for 224 yards and a touchdown, and Nate Washington scored twice as Tennessee kept Indianapolis winless.

Rob Bironas kicked field goals of 51 and 50 yards, and Jason McCourty recovered a blocked punt in the end zone as the Titans (4-3) snapped a two-game skid.

Colts quarterback Curtis Painter was sacked twice and threw two interceptions, which were turned into touchdowns by the Titans in their first win over the Colts since Oct. 27, 2008.

The Colts (0-8), without Peyton Manning(notes), trailed 20-0 by halftime coming off a 62-7 loss to the New Orleans Saints. The Colts outgained Tennessee 399-311, but couldn't overcome 10 penalties for 66 yards.

Texans 24, Jaguars 14

In Houston, Arian Foster rushed for 112 yards and a touchdown, and Houston shut down rookie quarterback Blaine Gabbert and the NFL's worst offense.

Matt Schaub threw a TD pass and ran for another score for Houston (5-3), off to its best eight-game start. The Texans also took one more step toward the franchise's first division title and

Broncos fans may regret calling for Tebow

DENVER (AP)--They were Tebowing in Israel and Australia, from on top of horses and on the bottom of swimming pools. Protesters on Wall Street paused to make a pose, and so did someone underneath the billowing dress of Marilyn Monroe's statue in Chicago.

There were Tebowing babies, Tebowing dogs and even a Tebowing surfer.

And on Sunday there was Tim Tebow himself on one knee before the Denver Broncos played the Detroit Lions, striking the prayerful pose that has become an online sensation.

The craze was good for a few laughs. Watching Tebow play was enough to make Denver fans want to cry.

They chanted for weeks to give him the ball. They rode a wave of euphoria when he finally did get his chance and somehow pulled off a late comeback from 15 points down against Miami.

And, then, in his first start at home this season, all they could do was watch in silence as Tebow showed what most in the NFL suspected - that he isn't nearly ready for prime time.

Unfortunately for Tebowers everywhere, he may never be.

The hope was that Tebow would start to begin feeling comfortable in an offense the Broncos tweaked to show off his talents. The reality was he looked as lost as he did the first 55 minutes against the Dolphins, except this time there would be no chance of a comeback.

The Denver faithful were already filing out of the stadium by the time Tebow threw an interception that was returned 100 yards for Detroit's final touchdown in a 45-10 romp that was even more lopsided than the final score indicated. Good thing, because they might have been tempted to boo the offensive ineptitude of their men in orange, and they have way too much invested emotionally in Tebow to begin booing him now.

It wasn't just the ugliness of the day, though, that had to bother Denver fans most. It was the realization that Tebow is such a work in progress that it may be years, not games, before he ever begins to pay any dividends.

John Elway acknowledged almost as much before the game, telling ESPN that Tebow was raw yet had the kind of intangibles that makes winners in the NFL.

"The bottom line is we've got to look at his football ability and is that going to give us the ability next year, two years, three years, four years down the line to be competitive and compete for a world championship," said the former Broncos star who now runs the team's football operations.

playoff berth by improving to 3-0 in the AFC South.

The Jaguars (2-6) couldn't carry momentum from their surprising 12-7 win over Baltimore on Monday night. Maurice Jones-Drew scored with 5:15 left, but the Texans used nearly the rest of regulation to set up Neil Rackers' 39-yard field goal.

Gabbert completed 10 of 30 passes for 97 yards with two interceptions.

Lions 45, Broncos 10

In Denver, Detroit sacked Tim Tebow seven times and turned his two turnovers into touchdowns in snapping a two-game skid.

Cornerback Chris Houston had the fourth 100-yard interception return in team history and defensive end Cliff Avril got a sack, strip and scoop, rumbling 24 yards into the end zone with a fumble as part of Detroit's 45-point run after the Broncos (2-5) had taken a 3-0 lead on their first drive.

Matthew Stafford hardly showed any ill effects from a sprained right ankle sustained a week earlier, completing 21 of 30 passes for 267 yards and three touchdowns. Tebow was 18 for 39 for

The Lions are 6-2.

Bengals 34, Seahawks 12

In Seattle, rookie quarterback Andy Dalton threw a pair of first-half touchdown passes and Brandon Tate returned a punt 56 yards for a touchdown.

Dalton tossed TDs of 14 yards to Jerome Simpson and a 43-yarder that dropped into the arms of A.J. Green in the second quarter to give the Bengals (5-2) a 17-3 lead.

From there, the Bengals leaned on their impressive defense that bent, but managed to keep Seattle out of the end zone until the fourth quarter.

The victory made Marvin Lewis the winningest coach in Bengals history with 65 career victories.

Bills 23, Redskins O

In Toronto, Ryan Fitzpatrick threw two touchdowns and the Bills defense had nine sacks over injury-riddled Washington in Buffalo's adopted home north of the border.

Scott Chandler caught both touchdown passes, including a 15-yarder to open the third quarter, that put Buffalo ahead 20-0. Fred Jackson had 120 yards rushing and 74 receiving in helping the Bills (5-2) get off to their first 4-0 start at "home" since 1995.

The Redskins (3-4) have lost three straight and continue to unravel due to injuries.

49ers 20, Browns 10

In San Francisco. Frank Gore ran for both 125-plus yards and a touchdown in a fourth straight game and Michael Crabtree made his first TD reception of the season

Alex Smith completed 15 of 24 passes for 177 yards, leading the NFC West-leading 49ers (6-1) to their fifth consecutive victory since an overtime loss to the Cowboys in Week 2.

For Colt McCov and the Browns (3-4), it's 0-for the Bay Area. They lost two weeks ago in Oakland, then flopped across San Francisco Bay at Candlestick Park.

Gore already had 103 yards on 19 carries by halftime, then got the other 7 he needed to pass Roger Craig and move into second place on the franchise rushing list with 7,089. Gore wound up with 134 yards on 31 carries.

IT&E Voyagers, Shark Attack ahead in SBA

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Jonny's Bar Grill's IT&E Voyagers and Wild Bill's

Bar & Grill's Shark Attack are the current frontrunners in the Saipan Billiards Association-2011 Budweiser Summer/Fall Open 8-Ball League after last week's games.

IT&E Voyagers edged thirdranked Docomo Hustlers (38-25), 4-3, on the road in Utopia Sports Bar to improve to a 49-14 record and keep the Agingan division lead.

Nine games back in second place is Sand's Bar's IT&E Incredibles, which defeated the Home Boyz Five (30-33), 5-2, in an away match at Jonny's, while Joe's Steakhouse's Fot-



Jonny's Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers (49-14), pictured in this file photo, bested the Docomo Hustlers (38-25) on the road at the Utopia Sports Bar, 4-3, last Tuesday to remain safely in first place in SBA's Agingan division.

PIC

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only one field goal in the final canto.

PSS 99, GPPC 67

In the second game, PSS/ McGraw-Hill clobbered GPPC, Inc. to improve to a 2-1 record. GPPC fell to a 1-3 slate.

GPPC, Inc. managed to stay in the game only in the first 20 minutes of play, as the much younger and faster crew of PSS stepped on the gas in the second half en route to a 32-point win.

PSS outgunned GPPC in the third, 30-15, turning a 41-36 halftime edge to a 71-51 lead. James Villacrusis and Kelvin Fitial combined for 15 points in the third-quarter surge, while five other PSS players contributed in the breakaway. GPPC, Inc. collapsed in the third, as only Alex Ocampo scored more than one field goal for the team in that frame.

Dave Sablan paced PSS with his 29 markers, while Fitial and Villacrusis recorded 22 and 16, respectively. Ocampo was the lone double figure scorer for GPPC with his 33 points.

First Game

PSS/McGraw-Hill 99 - Sablan 29, Fitial 22, Villacrusis 16, Cabrera 7, Buniag, Itibus 5, Manibusan 5, Guerrero 3, Palacios 2, Mendez 2, Villagomez 2.

GPPC, Inc. 67 – Ocampo 33, Mungcal 9, Montes 7, Tolentino 6, Sampang 4, Jalandoni 3, Siega 2, Faustino 2, Rivera 1.

Scoring by quarters: 26-14, 41-36, 71-51, 99-77.

Second Game

PIC/NVM 101—Fernando 21, Tamayo 19, Abuy 17, Diaz 9, Johanes 8, Yabut 8, J.R. Mina 7, Salem 6, Rasa 6.

Mobil 100 – Rabauliman 24, Estolas 23, De Guzman 22, Demapan 12, Sharry 6, Gamboa 4, Bautista 2.

Scoring by quarters: 30-26. 53-49, 74-75, 101-100.

SLOW

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cross the finish line in Maui at the 3:41:07 mark, joining more than 500 finishers, including fellow Saipan triathlete Mieko Carey. Former XTERRA World champions Conrad Stoltz of South Africa and Melanie Mc-Quaid of Canada missed the finish line, as after their strong starts they were forced to quit in the run leg due to asthma attack and fatigue.

Sublemente, who returned on Saipan last weekend, said his strategy in the exhausting race was really to start slow,

as he knew he could not keep pace with the veteran XTERRA World participants and world champions. At the very beginning of the race—the 1.5kilometer swim leg at the D.T. Flemings Beach—Sublemente stayed out of the group of fast swimmers.

"In triathlon, swimming is my weakness. Then it was my first time to swim in Hawaii with more than 600 swimmers. I was told when you stay in front, there is a big possibility that swimmers will hit you and you could drink a lot of water as they push and kick you down," Sublemente said.

"So what I did was stayed

away from the first group. When I dove I was a bit nervous of the rough water, but after a few meters, I got my rhythm and I was relieved to finish the toughest test for me," said the PIC employee, who finished the swim leg with a respectable time of 36:32.

Next up for Sublemente was the 30-km bike leg, which was not that hard for him, as he has been dominating road and MTB races here.

"The bike course was okay. I didn't crash and had only minor problems. One was I could not simply overtake bikers, as there were some single-track lanes. I had to wait for the right time to pass bikers. Second, my handle

bar got loose, so I had to stop to fix it and I lost some time," said the 37-year-old triathlete, who completed the bike race in 1:58:49.

In the final leg of the race—the 10-km run where Stoltz and other non-finishers pulled the plug, as they could no longer take the heat—Sublemente said it never crossed his mind to quit.

"It was one of the hardest run legs I ever had. Right at the very start of the run leg, I had to climb up the course. There was no flat surface to start and warm up so a lot of the participants really struggled. Fortunately, Mieko and I managed to survive and finish the race," said Suble-

rata over Poksu. mente, who timed in at 1:05:46

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Team SCS versus Shark Attack,

Titans against Crazy 8, and Pi-

ten Palau (13-50) upset VFW

Post 3457's X-Tream (21-42),

In the Obyan division play,

Shark Attack eased past 19th Hole Bar's Titans (21-42), 6-1,

at home to stretch its division

lead to eight games with a 42-

ning D'Pirates Bar & Grill's

Pirata outlasted Jonny's Crazy

8 (29-34), 4-3, on the road, and

third-ranked Jonny's Team SCS

(32-31) evaded 19th Hole's Pok-

su (31-32), 4-3, in a road match.

The season continues tonight

with Agingan's IT&E Voyagers

hosting Fotten Palau, X-Tream

facing Home Boyz Five, and the IT&E Incredibles meeting

the Docomo Hustlers.

in the final leg.

In other results, second-run-

4-3, at home.

21 slate.

"It was a memorable race, as I was able to see Lance Armstrong and compete against world-class triathletes. The long journey to Maui was all worth it," Sublemente said.

The Saipan triathlete would like to thank the following for making his XTERRA World debut possible: Pacific Islands Club, Saipan Bike Pro, NMITF, Saipan Cyclers, Pacific Trading, Co., MVA, IT&E, MARPAC, Brabu Pharmacy, Triple J Super Fresh Market, Bank Pacific, Thai Massage, Transamerica Hardware, DFS Galleria, and the PIC Seaside Grill Staff.

LADY

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2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Dolphins held off a fourth quarter surge by the Lady Manta Rays for a 58-48 win in the varsity game, while MHS slipped past Southern in the junior varsity match, 33-28.

The defending varsity champions stretched their unbeaten streak to four, while Southern fell to an even 2-2 card. Southern and MHS's junior varsity squads hold similar 2-1 cards.

The Lady Dolphins held the

Lady Rays to only two points in the first period to take early control of the match. Lia Rangamar led the first-quarter attack with her seven points, giving MHS a 17-2 advantage.

Southern recovered in the second canto, as it drew contributions from six players to move within a basket at halftime, 22-24.

The Lady Dolphins regrouped after the break and reclaimed control of the match, 42-31, heading into the final period. Melody Johnson carried the torch for MHS with her eight points in the third quarter.

Then in the fourth and final canto, Roxanne Duanes Lizama came alive for Southracked up 15 points to lead

Southern's late rally in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Rays ran out of time.

Duenas led all scorers with 23 points, while Johnson and Jaime Mendoza combined for 31 points for MHS.

In the junior varsity pairing, Krizandra Gozon tallied eight points in the opening 10 minutes to help MHS build a 12-6 margin. Jeraldine Castillo supported Gozon with five points in the second quarter, as MHS remained in front at the break, 21-11. Gozon and Castillo accounted for all of MHS' points in the first half.

In the second half, Czarina ern, making seven markers in

the third quarter. However, the Lady Rays still trailed, 20-28, heading into the final period.

MHS was contained to just a handful of baskets at crunch time, but its earlier lead was enough to preserve the win.

Gozon finished with a gamehigh 17 points, while Lizama turned in 13 on the short end.

The regular season of the MISO girls caging continues today with the Lady Dolphins taking on Saipan International School's Lady Geckos (1-2) at 4:30pm for the varsity match. Then on Thursday, Southern faces Kagman High School (0-2) at 4:30pm for the junior varsity game, while the varsity match is set at 5:30pm.

Junior Varsity Game

MHS 33 - Gozon 17, Castillo 12, Echavez 2.

SSHS 28 – C. Lizama 13, V. Bartolo 6, Francisco 5, Kintaro 2, C. Bartolo 2

Scoring by quarters: 12-6, 21-11, 28-20, 33-28.

Varsity Game

MHS 58 – Johnson 16, Mendoza 15, Williams 8, Rangamar 7, Arboliras 4, Ada 4, Alegre 2, Abrams 2.

SSHS 48 - Duenas 23, Gelacio 6, Maui 6, Joseph 5, R. Lizama 3, Banados 2, Lloren 2, Libunao 1.

Scoring by quarters: 17-2, 24-22, 42-31, 58-48.

FIGHTING

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Pelisamen fired 19 points in the first exhibition match against the crewmembers of navy destroyer USS Fitzgerald (DDG-62). Kelvin Fitial also suited up for the selection team and added eight points in the victory, while Mike Olaitiman, Clayton Kenty, Chris Mizer, and Sahj Hossain also scored in the friendly match.

No Fighting Fitz broke into double figures, but seven play-

ers made it to the scoreboard, including Johnson (first name was not written in the score sheets), who top-scored for the visitors with seven points.

The match was a close one with the visitors taking a twopoint lead at the half, 22-20. However, the Fighting Fitz could not hang on to the lead as it failed to neutralize Pelisamen in the second half. The former CNMI National Team member scored his team's first eight points in the second half and the last three to steal the game.

In the second exhibition

match, the GBL selection handed the visitors another loss, 37-28.

Jawn Joyner and Elmer Esdrelon teamed up in the GBL selection's victory, drilling 12 and 11 points, respectively. Kae Bernardo contributed six. Other members of the selection were Errol Peredo, Alex Lauron, Elgeanne Mangali, Marlon De Dios, Dexter Tenorio, and J.R. Barrios.

Esdrelon connected on two triples in the first half and Joyner made one to lift their team to a 21-12 halftime advantage. The selection kept the lead and the win with Joyner scoring four of the team's last six points.

Johnson again top-scored for Fighting Fitz, nailing eight markers against the GBL selection.

GBL opening tomorrow. weather permits

If Mother Nature cooperates, the 2011 Garapan Basketball League IT&E Cup will open shop tomorrow with the participating squads joining the traditional parade of teams at 6pm.

The inaugural GBL cag-

ing, which was scheduled to kick off last Saturday, but was rained-out, will feature eight BlueHaus/Satbahi, Ol'Aces, FGC Construction, R-Rebels, Mobil, Andok's, NMC Proa, and host Konflikt/ IT&E Blue.

Four squads will play in the opening day with the pairings to be determined via raffle drawing.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores is invited to grace the opening day and deliver the welcome remarks in the first GBL IT&E Cup.



SAIPAN TRIBUNE

PIC snaps Mobil's winning streak

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO REPORTER

28 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011

efending champion Pacific Islands Club/NVM pulled off a nail-biter against Mobil, 101-100, during the second game in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League last Sunday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



James Abuy hit the dagger, connecting

on a triple from the right corner to give PIC/NVM its fourth win in as many games. The defending champion is now the only unbeaten team in the 10-squad field, as Mobil absorbed its first loss after a 4-0 start.

Mobil had the chance to seal the win in the last 14.2 seconds of the match when Marvin Rabauliman was fouled with his team on top, 99-98. However, he split his charities, giving Mobil a precarious lead, 100-98.

After Rabauliman drilled his second charity, PIC sued for time and recalled Abuy from the bench. When game resumed, Bon Tamayo received the inbound pass and then swung the ball to Abuy, who faked off two Mobil defenders before pulling



PIC/NVM's Ponce Rasa, right, swats Marvin Rabauliman's shot in midair during the fourth quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Sunday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

up for the crucial triple. The 3-pointer was Abuy's lone basket in the second half and before that, he muffed his first three attempts from downtown in the fourth period.

With PIC now ahead, 101-100, it was Mobil's turn to call for a timeout in the last 6.8 seconds of the game. The match then resumed with Jorge De Guzman doing the inbound and passing the leather to Rabauliman, who went to dribble toward the left key before pulling up for a short jumper against two PIC defenders. He missed, but Mobil had another attempt when Tony Wenceslao went to the shaded lane and collared the offensive rebound. However, Wenceslao overshot his mark and Mobil and PIC players battled for the rebound as time expired.

Angelo Fernando top-scored for PIC with 21, making nine of them in the fourth period to bring the defending champion back into contention after falling behind, 86-79. He sat out in the first 3:30 of the fourth, giving PIC limited offensive options.

Tamayo chipped in 19, while Abuy added 17. The six other PIC players who made it to the scoreboard contributed at least six points apiece.

Rabauliman led Mobil with 24 markers, while Estolas logged 23, but was limited to only three field goals in the second half, as he was hounded by PIC's Nevin Salem in the third period and early part of the fourth canto. De Guzman also scored 20 plus points with his 22 markers, but had

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Butch Sublemente poses for a photo before the start of the swim leg in the 2011 XTERRA World Championship in Maui, Hawaii last month.

Slow but sure finish for Butch

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



but sure.

mente ress in the race in the 2011 XTERRA World Championship last month was slow,

Butch

He debuted in the annual off-road race in Hawaii on Oct. 24 (Oct. 25 on Saipan) crash free and went on to

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Lady Dolphins sweep Rays By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

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Marianas High School won both

its varsity and junior varsity games against Saipan Southern High School in the 2011-

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Marianas High School's Madeleine Alegre pulls up for a jumper against a Saipan Southern High School defender during their varsity game in the MISO caging last Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND





Players and coaching staff of the Fighting Fitz and a selection team pose for a group photo after their exhibition game last Sunday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Fighting Fitz drops twin exhibition matches



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Freddie Pelisamen-led team edged the Fighting Fitz, 38-34, in an exhibition

game hosted by organizers of the 2011 Garapan Basketball League IT&E Cup last Sunday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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